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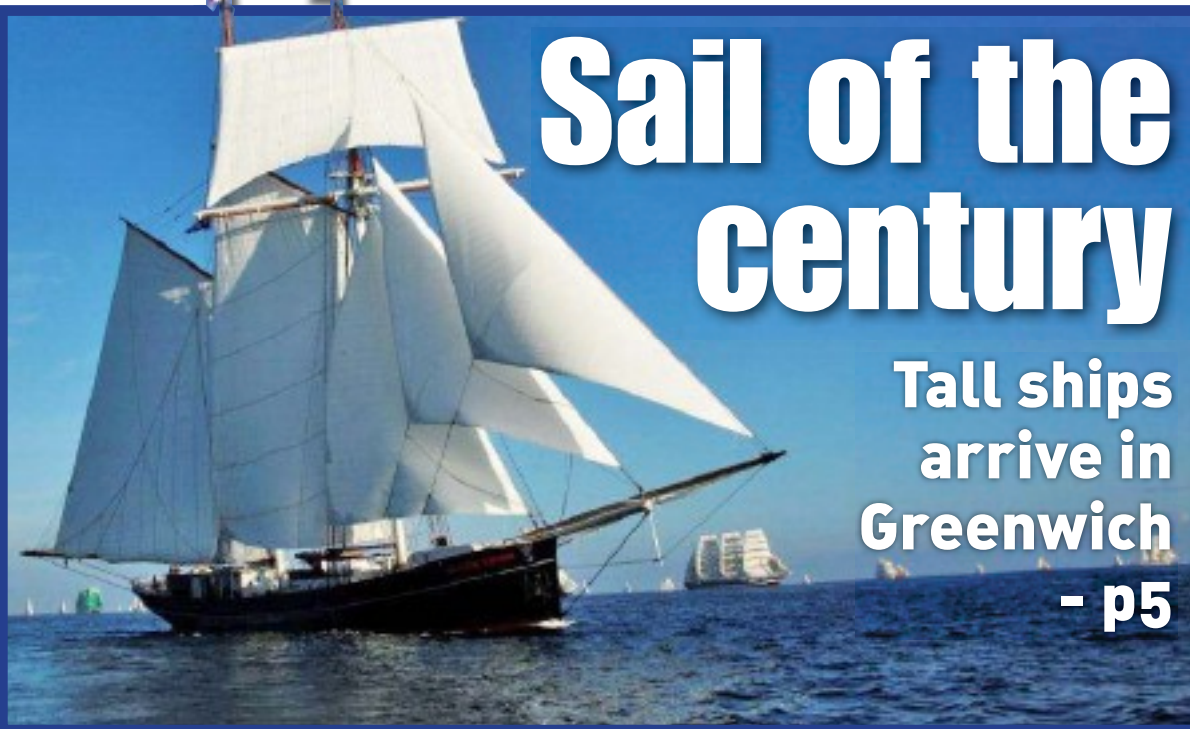
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## Sail of the century

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## Woolwich riot suspects admit guilt

TWO men who handed themselves in to police after their pictures appeared on a screen in Woolwich have pleaded guilty to taking part in last month's disorder. Mark Field, 51, of Woolwich, handed himself in at a police station after seeing his image on the screen in Powis Street. He was arrested on August 24, and charged with burglary, pleaded guilty at Camberwell Green Court and has been committed for sentencing on October 6. Forty-one-year-old Wayne James, from Woolwich, was arrested on August 24 and charged with receiving stolen goods after he handed himself in at a police station. He pleaded guilty in court and has been sentenced to four months imprisonment and 60 hours unpaid work.

A 15-year-old girl also reported to police voluntarily after her picture appeared on the screen in Woolwich. She was arrested on August 24 and charged with burglary. She was sentenced at Camberwell Youth Court to a 10-month referral order.

The huge mobile screen was stationed in Woolwich town centre as part of police efforts to catch suspects under Operation Withern.

Three other people who were arrested after their pictures appeared on the screen are set to go to trial over the next few weeks.

They include twin brothers Wayne and Shane Chambers, 33, from Woolwich. They were arrested on August 27 and charged with burglary after a PCSO recognised their pictures on the screen. They are both in custody and due to appear at Inner London Crown Court today (September 27).

Kerry Rimmer, 27, from Southwark, Turn to Page 3

## Job vacancies for building workers

CONTRACTORS working on developments across the borough are looking for building workers of all levels.

Greenwich Council's local labour initiative - GLLaB, which was set up to help local people into jobs and training - has been notified of a number of job opportunities with new contractors coming into the borough.

The jobs notified so far are for scaffolders (at all levels), skilled

bricklayers, bricklaying improvers and bricklaying apprenticeships; plasterers, dry liners, dry liners' mates and apprentice dry liners; window fitters and fitters' mates; general labourers, 'handypersons', banksmen, traffic marshals and telescopic forklift drivers.

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must have a valid CSCS/CPCS card, full personal protective equipment and a Unique Taxpayer Reference (UTR) number.

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## In my opinion

### Free park play is a godsend for



AS a young mother in Greenwich, I am a regular user of parks and recreational facilities within the borough. During the summer, parks and adventure centre facilities have been an absolute godsend for a family on a tight budget. I depend on these spaces for my three children to have the chance to play freely and expressively without going bankrupt. During the summer holidays they've played at different locations: Greenwich Park has a range of fun climbing frames, a sand pit, slides, swings, boating lake, mini-cafe, roundabout and picnic benches. You can walk the dog with a wonderful view of the Maritime Museum and hilly fields. Winns Common Paddling Pool, Plumstead, was another great place the children enjoyed. Similarly, this park has a range of swings, a football/basketball court, climbing frames, roundabout and, the best feature in the summer, a large lido paddling pool for the children to splash about in - marvellous! Then there's Plumstead

and Woolwich Adventure Playgrounds which offer fantastic free spaces for the children to explore during the break. They have hut buildings with indoor activities like table tennis, snooker, Wii and X Box consoles with group interactive games and an arts and craft table. And at Woolwich there's lots outside with a swing rope, climbing frames and a giant red double decker bus. These places are excellent for children to develop emotionally, physically, socially and psychologically, and although the council has had to face government cutbacks, it has made it a priority to invest in these schemes and facilities. It means the quality and standard of them has improved and a range of our local parks now have new outdoor gyms installed. I hope we continue to be able to access these outlets for our children the growing generation, especially in the lead up to the 2012 London Olympics where promotion of sports and outdoor activity will give the children aspiration for their own futures.

Grace Lipski

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# New chapter for old library

THE Victorian library in Calderwood Street, Woolwich, has become the new home for Greenwich Local Labour and Business (GLLaB), the borough's own employment agency.

The team has moved from its old address in Powis Street after the library was left empty, following a move to the brand new Woolwich Centre in Wellington Street.

GLLaB says its new building will enable it to offer customers a far better service

and facilities. There is more space for training, a better computer suite, and touch-down computer space in the reception area. Staff will be able to do more recruitment events from its offices because of extra space and capacity.

GLLaB was set up by Greenwich Council in 1996 to work with employers and other organisations to help local people into work and training, particularly those from disadvantaged communities. Several thousand people are

registered on its database as well as about 100 employers. Most employers are local firms, but they include several national companies, mainly in construction, who are carrying out development work in the borough.

There are also job opportunities available with the London 2012 Olympics and Paralympics.

Its offices are open from 9.30am to 4.30pm Monday to Friday, plus some evenings and weekends.

Cllr Denise Hyland, the council's cabinet member for regeneration, enterprise and skills, said: "GLLaB is moving into an historic Victorian building that will provide them with more space enabling them to deal with even more residents seeking to get back into the jobs market. It's great news that we were able to find a new use for the old library so quickly after its relocation, and that the building will continue to play a key role in the community."



**EASY RIDERS:** Lord Coe and Cllr John Fahy meet young riders, workers and volunteers at the New Lodge stable

## Hold your horses!

Disabled riders meet paralympian and 2012 boss

**YOUNG disabled riders were inspired by a paralympic champion when he visited their riding school with the boss of the London 2012 Games.**

by Dick Townsend-Smith

Lee Pearson, who will be competing in his fourth paralympic games next year, gave advice and guidance to budding riders at the New Lodge Riding Centre in Eltham.

He visited the school with Lord Seb Coe, the Chair of the London Organising Committee of the Olympic Games and Paralympic Games (LOCOG) on September 16. The centre, started Riding for the Disabled in 1978 and specialises in helping adults and children with special needs to ride.

Lord Coe, and nine-time gold medalist Lee, watched a riding lesson at the Nottingham Lane stables, and met some of the riders to find out how they benefit from riding. Also there representing Greenwich Council was Cllr John Fahy, cabinet member for culture and the Olympics, who said: "This centre has been inspiring young riders of all abilities for over three decades and we hope that hosting the 2012 equestrian events will

inspire another generation of riders in the borough providing yet another legacy of the Games."

The visit was part of a series of visits Lord Coe is making to Olympic host boroughs to meet people working on projects to create a lasting London 2012 legacy. It was also a chance to promote ticket sales for the paralympic games - and for the paralympic riding in Greenwich Park particular.

Stable manager Hilary Crawford introduced Lord Coe to young disabled riders and volunteer helpers. She told GT: "The riders were here because they would normally have been having lessons. I also invited other young people who had won trophies. LOCOG were looking for a stables for Lord Coe to visit, and chose us because of our work with disabled riders. It's nice for us to be recognised in this way. The news of Lord Coe's visit has inspired our riders and caused a lot of interest. Many of them went to the equestrian test events in Greenwich Park."

She added: "Three-quarters of our riders are disabled. We are not a commercial riding school, we are funded by what we charge and Greenwich Council funds some of our sessions as well. We are open to any donations, which are very much needed at the moment."

Lord Coe said: "It's been fantastic visiting this centre and seeing how much these young disabled riders are benefiting from the activities provided by New Lodge Centre. We want to leave a lasting legacy with the Games and centres like this one will help inspire young people to give a new sport a go."

● **The Eltham Centre is introducing swimming lessons for disabled adults on a Wednesday evening. There are also lessons available for disabled children on a Saturday morning. Courses start from October 5 and cost from £35. The lessons are supervised by specially qualified swimming teachers and hosted in the Spa Pool. To book a place please visit [www.sportscourses.org](http://www.sportscourses.org) or call 020 8921 4344. The Eltham Centre also hosts the Lion Swimming Club for disabled people, details at [www.lionswimmingclub.co.uk](http://www.lionswimmingclub.co.uk)**



# Rioters admit guilt

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was also identified by the same PCSO and arrested on August 27. She was charged with handling stolen goods and pleaded guilty on August 29. She is currently in custody and has been committed for sentencing to the Inner London Crown Court.

A number of individuals have also been arrested after walking through the same place where their pictures had been shown for several days on a giant screen. An off duty PCSO identified a 23-year-old man who was arrested and is currently being investigated.

PCSO Pan Psaris from the Woolwich Safer Neighborhoods team identified two men involved in the disorder. Kevin Lane, 49, from Woolwich, was arrested and charged with burglary on September 15. He pleaded guilty and is due to appear at Inner London Crown Court.

PCSO Psaris also identified a 31-year-old man who was arrested in conjunction with the disorder and has been bailed. Nineteen-year-old Dean Bryan, from Plumstead, was arrested on August 22 after a police sergeant identified him on CCTV images being circulated to officers and the public. Bryan was charged with burglary and remanded in custody. He will appear at Inner London Crown Court for a plea and case management hearing on October 5.

The suspects are among a haul of individuals who have been arrested after their pictures were shown on the mobile screen in Woolwich town centre. Officers from Operation Withern have been working around the clock looking at hundreds of hours of CCTV images whilst collating intelligence from the public. Police officers have also received over 41 pieces of information from

Greenwich

Time

readers.

Michael Bellio,

24, from Sidcup,

was arrested on

September 6 and charged with

theft after a reader saw his picture

in Greenwich Time and contacted

police. He will appear at Camberwell

Magistrates Court on October 18.

As a result of the images on the screen

and support from the public, police have

also been able to arrest and charge the

following individuals:

A 16-year-old, who was arrested on

August 22 and charged with arson with

intent to endanger life, burglary and

violent disorder. He handed himself in

after police had knocked on his door

following information from the public.

The teenager, who can not be named

for legal reasons, has been remanded in

custody and will appear at London Inner

Crown Court on September 29 for a plea.

Another 16-year-old, who was arrested

on September 12, was charged with

violent disorder and burglary after a

member of the public recognised him

on Youtube as part of a crowd in the

disorder around Woolwich. He pleaded

guilty at Camberwell Youth Court and

is in custody until he is sentenced on

October 7.

Greenwich borough commander Richard

Wood said: "Many thanks to all the



## SUSPECT

## BEHAVIOUR.

41 leads came from GT readers after the appeal in the August 16 edition

people that have come forward and assisted us with our enquiries. I have a dedicated team of officers working to ensure that all information passed to us is thoroughly investigated. Please continue to call us with information. We are here to listen and follow every lead."

• To see CCTV images of suspects featured in Greenwich Time visit [www.greenwich.gov.uk/news](http://www.greenwich.gov.uk/news) and if you think you recognise anyone contact the confidential Crimestoppers number on 0800 555 111.

• Police arrested 22 people after two days of early morning raids as part of Operation Birch, set up to target robbers, burglars and those involved in the disorder in Woolwich on August 8.

## Borough BRIEFS

## Pow wow for pensioners

GREENWICH Pensioners' Forum will be having an older persons day next month at Charlton House.

The Charlton Road venue will be hosting the event on October 6 from 10am to 4pm and attendees will have a full programme of talks, entertainment and a light lunch. The forum has existed for over 27 years and has some 70 members. It lobbies the appropriate authorities - Parliament, councils and agencies providing services to over 55s - and aims to make positive change in the lives of older people.

Tickets are available on the door at £2 and new members are welcomed. For information contact Clara Edwards on 0208 317 6825.

## Bellissimo SE9

ELTHAM gets a taste of the Mediterranean when Italian traders come to the town's market on Sunday October 2. There's the chance to sample continental produce at Passey Place with a wide variety of Italy's renowned produce from 10am-4pm.

On sale will be a selection of wines, pasta, cured meats, cheeses, olive oils, balsamic vinegar and sauces from the different regions of Italy.

• For more information about the market day, visit [www.savoir-fayre.com](http://www.savoir-fayre.com) and for information about shops and services in Eltham visit [www.aceltham.co.uk](http://www.aceltham.co.uk)

# Moving tributes to former mayor

NEARLY 200 people paid their respects to former Greenwich mayor Ted Claridge, when his funeral was held at Eltham Crematorium last Wednesday.

They included his wife Pat and other family members, friends, and former mayors and colleagues including councillors and ex councillors from Greenwich Council.

A moving tribute was paid by Len Duvall, the GLA member for Greenwich who had known Mr Claridge for many years.

He said: "Ted was a great character to who devoted a large part of his life to the public as a councillor and campaigner. He was an advocate and champion for Thamesmead and its residents and proved a formidable political force in the council.

"He worked tirelessly alongside others to secure resources for his local area, and, alongside his



FAREWELL: a piper heralds the arrival of the hearse at Eltham Crematorium

wife, personally raised thousands of pounds for charities - something he only stopped doing in his early 80s. He will be sorely missed, but will be remembered for his energy and commitment to the people of this borough."

A solitary piper led the funeral car, and a standard bearer from the Abbey Wood and Thamesmead branch of the Royal British Legion stood to attention throughout the service.

Mr Claridge, 86, was universally known as

'Mr Thamesmead' for his tireless work in the community. He was appointed Mayor of Greenwich in 1991-92 and was awarded the Honorary Freedom of the Borough in 1996.

Cllr Chris Roberts, the leader of Greenwich Council, said: "Ted Claridge's considerable contribution to the borough touched the lives of countless people, and is still being appreciated today. His legacy will last for many years to come."

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## Why no coverage of Blackheath

I WAS disappointed to see that the proposed closure of Blackheath Bluecoats School was not featured in the pages of Greenwich Time. My daughter started at the school on September 6 and we received a letter informing us of the closure the week later. It was very demotivating for her so soon after the term had started, and it is the only Church of England school in the borough and my daughter is not eligible to go to the

catholic schools in the area - St. Paul's, St. Ursula's or St. Thomas More. We've had to make a transfer request and I think it's unfair that we will have to compete for places which are out of our borough. We are worried that our faith will not be recognised, and it is going to be a real rush for over 800 pupils to find new schools by next year.

Mother of BBCS student,  
West Greenwich

● NO decision on the future of Blackheath Bluecoat School has yet been made, and this will not happen until extensive consultations have been carried out with all the interested parties. This is the reason that it has not yet been covered in GT. If it is decided that the school will close, the council will consult parents of pupils who have to move school about their preferences for alternative schools. Ed

## Who paid for the work on the roof?

I NOTICED the scaffolding going up to the council houses from 291 Shooters Hill Road onwards to Indus Road in order to rectify problems occurring from tiles meeting other properties. I would like to know who is paying for this work to be put right, i.e. the original contractor or the council. I have tried phoning to find

out but no one answers. I would be grateful if you could shed any light on this for me.

J. Cook, Charlton

● THE remedial roofing works carried out to the properties in Shooters Hill Road was undertaken by contractors, entirely at their own expense. There were no costs incurred by the council. Ed

## Bravo, Mum and Freddie

I READ about the heroic display of motherly love by brave Mum Deanne Farmer on the pages of Greenwich Time. I had problems controlling

my emotion. Alas, some drop of tears forced their way out my glands. Bravo to both Mum and little Freddie.

Aziz, Eltham

TAKING A DIVE.  
Deanne Farmer jumps from 12,000 feet for her son's charity



## Grateful thanks from a 92-year-old



I WOULD like to place on record my sincere thanks to those people of Plumstead who stop the traffic in Lakedale and see me safely across the road, take charge of my shopping trolley to help me home - also those kind souls who pick up my walking stick which I am always dropping.

James York, 92 years young

## I support GT, Nolan and all

I WOULD like to support the continuing existence of weekly Greenwich Time - including TV guide and Kevin Nolan. The main opposition comes from other local publications who are trying to get rid of the competition. Nothing wrong with competition. It is good to have news of what the council is doing on our behalf, what services are available, in order to encourage take-up. It may be the only publication received by some households and does not require any technical ability to access the information.

Maggie Watson, Eltham

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MARSHALL PINSENT, from Aperture Woolwich Photographic Society: 'The Thames as seen from the Woolwich Arsenal.'



# All hands on deck at tall ships showcase



THIS magnificent tall ship has been in dock at Woolwich Arsenal Pier – and there's another 17 due to follow her next summer. The 62 metre De Wylde Swan – the world's largest two-masted topsail schooner – was here for a preview event of next year's Sail Royal Greenwich. This will see

18 tall ships coming to Woolwich, providing a stunning spectacle for residents and visitors. The De Wylde Swan will take pride of place in a flotilla of tall ships, which will sail from Woolwich Arsenal to Tower Bridge twice a day from July 25 to August 12 as part of a

nautical celebration of maritime Greenwich. Organisers hope UK-based businesses will use her as a base to entertain and join in the London 2012 Olympic celebrations. The schooner started life in 1920 as a herring ship and was restored by Hinke

de Vries last year as a training ship. She doubles up as an elegant base for corporate hospitality, and was a winner in this year's tall ships race. • For more details go to [www.sailroyalgreenwich.co.uk](http://www.sailroyalgreenwich.co.uk) or follow @sailgreenwichuk on Twitter

## Borough BRIEFS

### A top apprentice

GREENWICH lass Tamsin Quigley has been shortlisted for the London Borough Apprenticeship Awards 2011. The young apprentice worked as a customer contact officer in Greenwich's serve centre. She has successfully progressed from a level 2 to level 3 Business Administration Apprenticeship. She won plaudits for raising concerns about satisfaction surveys for children and parents in stressful situations, which led to a change in practice.

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# The wonders of Woolwich

Town centre marks recovery with Back to Business Week

by Dick Townsend-Smith

**COMMUNITY** groups, businesses, the military and Greenwich Council are joining forces to celebrate the opening of the revamped General Gordon Square in Woolwich, and at the same time officially welcome the Kings Troop Royal Horse Artillery and the Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment to the borough.

A military band and marching troops will be one of the many attractions in a series of exciting public events taking place in the



town during the first week of October to mark 'Woolwich Back to Business Week'.

A big public celebration in General Gordon Square on Saturday, October 8, will also see local shops and businesses coming together and offering special one-off deals for customers.

The council is asking any local businesses who haven't yet signed up to the special

week to get in touch. Many town centre stores will be displaying 'Woolwich Back to Business' posters in their windows throughout the week, showing the special deals and events available to customers. They include free coffee tasting at Starbucks, food sampling in Nando's, and big discounts in clothing stores such as New Look.

The celebration in the new General Gordon Square on the Saturday will include the re-dedication of new trees in the square, a stage with music and other entertainment and stalls. The troops will be marching from Woolwich Barracks to General Gordon Square.

Cllr Denise Hyland, the

council's cabinet member for regeneration, enterprise and skills, said: "Back to Business Week will show how progress and regeneration has not been thrown off course here – our town centre is being transformed and a big part of that work is now coming to fruition. Woolwich is most definitely on the up and even in the face of the recent challenges we have new businesses opening in the borough. A firm of solicitors has just relocated to brand new offices at the Royal Arsenal for example, evidence that Woolwich is very much the place to set up shop. This week is a great way for the whole community to come together to celebrate."

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THERE'S a vibrant musical community in Greenwich with a wide variety of musical styles, players and courses on offer. **GT** went out into the borough to get in tune with some of the music makers...

**A** GROUP of Greenwich youngsters hit all the high notes earlier this summer with a barnstorming performance in Eltham.

It was a real festival of music at the Greenwich Music Service's annual residential course, which ran for four days in Kent, and finished with a big show for friends and family at Eltham Foundation school.

Fifteen young musicians between the ages of 11 and 16 made their way to the Margaret Macmillan residential centre in Wrotham for the sessions of music making and workshops.

During their stay, the children rehearsed and performed as large ensemble, and more intensive stints in smaller groups.

Performance pieces included the Amy Winehouse/Zutons smash hit Valerie, the Ella Fitzgerald jazz standard Summertime, the classical work Palladio and blues jams.

The GMS has been running the yearly get-together for more than a decade and one of the traditions of the week is the informal concerts.

The mini gigs took place on the Thursday and Friday evenings, during which the young people had the opportunity to perform for the rest of the group.

James Thomas, course leader and GMS's centre manager said: "We saw some truly wonderful performances from all the children - everything from string ensembles to quickly-formed rock groups were given rapturous applause from the audience - which this year also comprised a group of Swedish students who were also staying at the centre."

Friends and families gathered at the Eltham Foundation school for the big finale - an hour of tunes that the students had learned.

James added: "All the students performed beautifully, and the whole group were called back for an encore of Summertime. It was a fitting end to a great week."

"The Wrotham Residential has a very strong tradition. Students look forward to it each year and the tutors see marked improvements in their playing year on year. It is also a time for the children to mix with peers of different ages, from different schools and who play different instruments. The social interaction and development is just as important as the music making."

● **THE group kept a blog of their time on the course which can be viewed at** [www.wrotham.music2011.edublogs.org](http://www.wrotham.music2011.edublogs.org)

● **FOR more info courses and the Greenwich Music Service go to:** [www.gmusic.org](http://www.gmusic.org)

# Thank you for the music



**HITTING THE RIGHT NOTES:** left, a pair of flutes and a trumpet, and above and right, students put in the hours before the Eltham finale

## Verity is the spice of life for students

**FIVE** young musicians aged between nine and 14 are getting an early chance of a lifetime by performing locally with their award-winning teacher, writes **Peter Cordwell**.

Twenty-three-old Verity Thirkettle - who graduated from Trinity College of Music in Greenwich with a double First Class Honours in violin and harp - has set up the Truth Music Ensemble with her brother Giles, 26. The other members are Ramiyah Sriraamvanathan (14, violin), Saranki Sriramvanathan (12, violin), Benji Carter (12, harp), Zafra Howard (10, harp) and Nolitha Olusanya (nine, violin).

"I wanted to take the music into the community," said Verity - "to hospitals, schools and local groups. There are seven of us and sometimes we work with dancers, actors and composers as well." The former student at the Yehudi Menuhin School in Surrey earns her living teaching and freelancing with other musicians, including a duo with Giles, but the Truth Music Ensemble is her great passion at the moment.

She said: "The ensemble came together through my lessons with the children and their need to perform. It's given them the opportunity to play in public. Some gigs are



**STRINGING ALONG:** Verity (top right) and Giles (top left) with the Truth Music Ensemble

paid but others are voluntary, so I'm also trying to get some funding. "The ensemble made its debut at St Alfege Church in Greenwich town centre and we have also played in Lewisham and Mile End." Which does Verity prefer, violin or harp? "Both," she said, "but at the moment it's the violin because it's much easier to transport! I've also got a smaller harp that the children use that I can take around to hospitals." Verity, who first picked up a violin at three

and started playing the harp at seven, also plays at weddings and other social events, usually with Giles. "It's mainly background music but people do come up and comment, so that's nice," she said.

Both of Verity's parents were musicians. She first picked up a violin at three, started the piano at five and the harp at seven. She said: "Music is everything to me. My big influences are Yehudi Menuhin and David Oistrakh, and I love Bach and Brahms. "The parents of the children in the ensemble are very enthusiastic and we're all keen to develop this as much as we can in the borough. The children really appreciate playing with professionals. It gives them a goal, something to aim for."

"We also try to make it fun for everyone by playing pieces like the Harry Potter tune, the William Tell Overture, things like that." Nolitha told GT: "I think the ensemble is fun and a great way to learn with other people." Benji added: "Everyone has become friends and gets on well. It's a great opportunity to learn on our instruments."

The Truth Ensemble's next gig will be at Orchard Hall, Greenwich West Community Centre on Tuesday, October 25, at 3pm.

● **FIND out more and listen to Verity's music at** [www.veritythirkettle.co.uk](http://www.veritythirkettle.co.uk)



# Team GB launches 2012 squad in Greenwich

GREENWICH was the venue for the very first group of athletes to be selected for the 2012 Great Britain team.

Triple gold medallist Ben Ainslie and 10 team-mates were confirmed in Team GB's Olympic sailing squad at the Old Royal Naval College on Tuesday, September 20.

A further 500 sportsmen and women are set to complete the Great Britain line-up for the London Games next summer. Ainslie (pictured centre) is the country's most successful sailor, and Britain has won more medals in the pursuit than any other nation - 50 including 25 golds since the sport made its Games debut in 1900.

Ainslie said: "Having my selection for 2012 confirmed is obviously a big relief. The previous qualification experiences helped but at the same time having the Olympics in the UK puts that added bit of pressure on, we all want to compete on home waters it's a once in a lifetime opportunity."

Team GB Chef de Mission, Andy



Hunt added: "This announcement is a key milestone and an exciting and important moment for us - it represents the beginning of the creation of Team GB, Our Greatest Team of approximately

550 athletes. Having the first athletes confirmed for Team GB for the London 2012 Olympic Games is fantastic."

• More info on the Olympics at [www.greenwich.gov.uk/2012](http://www.greenwich.gov.uk/2012)

## Borough BRIEFS

### Archery project hits the target

ARCHERY for young people with a physical and/or moderate learning disabilities is about to take off in the borough.

The sport, which will take place in the borough as part of the London 2012 Paralympic Games, will be run by the South London Special League with support from Greenwich Leisure Limited. The first session under top coach Maggie Woolf, who is also hoping to train coaches locally, will be held at the Waterfront Leisure Centre on Friday, September 30, from 10am-12pm. A special launch by Deputy Mayor of Greenwich David Grant will follow on Friday, October 14.

More information from project manager Sharon Brokenshire on 07515 539 825.

### Victorian sorting office closes

THE old Royal Mail sorting office in Woolwich closed its doors for the last time on Saturday, and is due to be demolished as part of the town's massive regeneration scheme. A new delivery office has been purpose-built in Pettman Crescent, Plumstead, and opened on Monday (September 26). The old Victorian building in Thomas Street, overlooking General Gordon Square, is coming down as part of the town's Woolwich Central redevelopment. This will provide 960 new homes, a giant Tesco store, and hundreds of new jobs.

# Manor students make radio waves

## BBC asks them to join the 'Big Conversation'

**STUDENTS** from Plumstead Manor secondary school and Negus Sixth Form Centre were called in to help shape radio programmes over the next 12 months.

After impressive work on the BBC News School Report, they were the only students in the UK asked to take part and report on Radio 1's 'Big Conversation' at City Hall.

The event was a unique chance for young people to engage directly with some of the most influential people in the UK - including MPs, think tanks, business leaders, youth organisations, academics and journalists.

Negus student Sofiat told GT: "It was great to speak to entrepreneurs and MPs and to feel that our views were being listened to."

The suggestions the young people made at the 'Big Conversation' will not only shape Radio 1's programming for the next 12 months, but will also set the agenda among some of the country's key decision-makers. Radio 1 collaborated with The Princes' Trust, British Youth Council and V Inspired to hear directly from young people on the burning issues and concerns they face today, including the recent London riots.

Topics discussed at the event included whether young people should go to university or not, job opportunities and training available to young people, their ambitions and their role models.

Many young people said they felt they were negatively portrayed in the media and this event gave many of them an opportunity to



**PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT:** two Plumstead Manor students go over their questions ahead of the 'Big Conversation' left, they interview MP Simon Hughes

deputy leader of the Liberal Democrats. She said: "He was so interesting. I thought he really took on board what young people were saying."

Year 10's Emil spoke with Michelle Mone, chief executive of lingerie company Ultimo.

Emil said: "She advised me to work hard, do my best and always follow my dream. She said she came from a very poor Glaswegian background, and if she could do it anyone could."

voice their positive suggestions on how young people can improve their lives.

Year 11 Plumstead Manor student Jill met Simon Hughes,

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### GREENWICH AND WOOLWICH

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or write to Nick Raynsford MP, House of Commons, London OAA  
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2nd & 4th Fridays of the month, 7pm at 32 Woolwich Road, Greenwich SE10 0JU.  
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2nd Saturday of the month, 2pm at West Greenwich House, 141 Greenwich High Road, Greenwich SE10 8JA.  
4th Saturday of the month: 11am at the Barnfield Project, Oak House, Barnfield Road SE18 3UH.  
4th Saturday of the month, 2pm at Woolwich Town Hall, Wellington Street, Woolwich SE18 6PW.

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2nd Sat: St Mary's Community Centre, Eltham High Street, 10am and 4th Friday at a of the month at 6pm.  
3rd Tues: Middle Park Community Centre, 150 Middle Park Avenue, 11am-12.30pm  
3rd Fri: Coldharbour Neighbourhood office, library entrance, William Barefoot Drive, 11am.  
4th Sat: Shrewsbury House, 10am, Bushmoor Crescent

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Four advice surgeries each month: the 1st Saturday of the month in Thamesmead, the 2nd Saturday of the month in Erith, the 3rd Friday of the month in Northumberland Heath and the 4th Friday of the month in Abbey Wood.

### GLA MEMBER

Len Duvall (Lab) is the GLA member for Greenwich and Lewisham. Please write to Len Duvall, GLA, City Hall, Queen's Walk, London SE1 2AA; phone 020-7983 4408/4517; or email [len.duvall@london.gov.uk](mailto:len.duvall@london.gov.uk)

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Contact Members' Services on 020 8921 5151 for information on the surgery timings for your own councillor.

## COUNCIL MEETINGS

THE following meetings are taking place over the next few days in the Town Hall, Wellington Street (unless otherwise stated).  
Children & Young People Scrutiny Panel - Tuesday October 4, 7.00 pm

Woolwich Riverside Local Housing Panel - Wednesday October 5, 7.00 pm

More information on 020-8921 5130 or [www.greenwich.gov.uk/meetings](http://www.greenwich.gov.uk/meetings)

## Housing benefit cheat jailed for three years

A BENEFIT cheat has been jailed for three years after illegally claiming housing benefit for more than a decade. Younes Izouaouen was sentenced at Woolwich Crown Court, following an investigation led by Greenwich Council and the Met Police. His brother Samir pleaded guilty to his part in the fraud and was given an eight-month suspended sentence together with 200 hours of unpaid work in the community. The brothers had used false passports and payslips to claim housing benefit

from six different London boroughs. Greenwich Council found that a false French passport and national insurance card were held on record as part of an application for housing benefit in the name of Fabrice Hannache at Younes Izouaouen's home in Floathaven Close, Thamesmead. A further investigation found a number of identity packs stored in a bedroom cupboard that also contained equipment to make counterfeit credit cards. More than 20 housing benefit claims showed that about £385,000 had

been claimed. Some of the identities had also been used to claim benefits from the Department for Work and Pensions of around £15,000. Younes was abroad at the time of the search but had returned to the UK and was living on a caravan site in Kent. Deputy council leader Peter Brooks said: "This is a really positive step in ensuring the right people receive the right benefit. It also sends out a strong message to people committing fraud that if you break the law, we will find you and prosecute you."

# The house that's a home from home

## Centre offers independence to elderly and disabled

**OLDER and disabled people are settling in nicely into a new care centre that has just opened in Woolwich.**

Colebrooke House is a self-contained extra care service which allows its residents to live as independently as possible.

The building on Ashmore Lane - just off Red Lion Lane - includes an onsite hairdressers, restaurant and a variety of social clubs.

Pat Holmes is one of 45 residents who lives at Colebrooke. She told GT: "For the past two years I hadn't walked more than 30 yards. I now have a walking frame with wheels and I am like a child with their first tricycle. Every time I go out the staff shout 'Hello Pat!'"

Residents were joined by Greenwich MP Nick Raynsford and Mayor of Greenwich Jim Gillman at the opening earlier this month.

Mr Raynsford said: "Colebrooke House is an inclusive and welcoming addition to Greenwich's care services. Situated within the heart of the community you get a real sense that people are looking out for each other."



**DOING THE HONOURS:** Greenwich MP opens Colebrooke House, the new extra care centre in Woolwich

Alan Long, from the Mears company which runs the site, said: "Every person living in Colebrooke House has their own front door and can come and go as they please with

the security of knowing that if they need support there is someone there 24 hours a day."

Cllr Peter Kotz, the council's member for health, adults and older people, said: "I am really delighted with the new extra care facility which is the third of its kind in Greenwich."

"The wide range of onsite facilities will benefit residents in a way which will allow them to live their lives more independently. Part

of our commitment to the community is to improve the lives of our older and disabled residents."

●THE Mears Group is one of the UK's largest providers of social care and social housing repair and maintenance, employing 13,000 people across the UK, and looking after more than 500,000 social homes. Find out more at [www.mearsgroup.co.uk](http://www.mearsgroup.co.uk)



**LET'S SMARTEN YOU UP A BIT:** Greenwich Mayor Jim Gillman gets the treatment from one of the Colebrooke residents

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The three venues have joined hundreds across the UK in the Love Food Give Food campaign where customers will add a small donation to their bill or choose certain dishes where a percentage of the cost will go to the charity.

The aid agency launched the special appeal in response to the ongoing food crisis in East Africa, the aim being to implement life-saving programmes in Somalia,

Ethiopia, Kenya and Djibouti.

Helen Round, from Davy's Wine Vaults, which also offers 10 per cent off to GreenwichCard holders (visit [www.greenwich.gov.uk/greenwichcard](http://www.greenwich.gov.uk/greenwichcard)) told GT: "We are really happy to support Action Against Hunger for a second year running. Not only can you donate money to charity you can also enjoy some tasty food!"

Action Against Hunger campaign manager Emma Cullingford said: "In 2010, food lovers, chefs, restaurants and cafes helped raise over £170,000 in aid of our life-saving programmes worldwide."

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Novotel Greenwich is at 173-185 Greenwich High Road, SE10 8JA ([www.novotel.com](http://www.novotel.com)). Davy's Wine Vaults is

at 161-165 Greenwich High Road, SE10 8JA ([www.davy.co.uk/winevaultsgreenwich](http://www.davy.co.uk/winevaultsgreenwich))  
● **FOR more information on Action Against Hunger and a full list of participating restaurants, visit [www.lovefoodgivefood.org](http://www.lovefoodgivefood.org)**

**Borough  
BRIEFS**

**Nepalese forum  
gives feedback**

IMMIGRATION, health and jobs were among the many issues discussed at a community event organised for the Nepalese community.

Cllr Harpinder Singh spoke at the awareness event hosted by the Greenwich Nepalese Forum at the Maritime College, Woolwich, last month. Over 70 Nepalese people attended the all-day event. Cllr Singh pledged that the council would work closely with Nepalese organisations and community leaders who represent around 2,500 Nepalese families in Greenwich. More information about the forum at [www.nepalforum.org.uk](http://www.nepalforum.org.uk)  
● Greenwich Mayor Jim Gillman will attend a Nepalese Festival in General Gordon Square, Woolwich, on October 1. The free event, organised by the Nepalese British Alliance and the Greenwich Nepalese Forum, runs from 1-7pm.



# Paying the po



PEOPLE who spoil the environment away. That's the message from Greenwich individuals who refused to pay their dropping litter or letting their dogs ongoing crackdown on people who c  
**Dick Townsend-Smith** went to find

**THREE** people who didn't pay their fines for environmental offences have been slapped with higher penalties to pay by the courts.

The three have been hit with more costly fines - and court costs - when Greenwich Council took action after the three had not paid their original penalty notices.

Janet Dunmorn of Littlemead, Eltham, had admitted dropping a cigarette end outside the Eltham Centre but failed to pay the penalty. As a result she was fined £50, with £50 costs and a £15 victim support charge.

Mark Williamson of Isla Road, Plumstead, had admitted allowing his dog to foul the grassed area in Blendon Terrace, Plumstead. He was fined £150, with £200 costs and a £15 victim support charge after not paying the fixed penalty of £75.

And Grahame Wretha of Barnfield Gardens, Plumstead, was fined £150 with £284 costs and a £15 victim support charge after being found guilty of keeping his dog on its lead in Greenwich Church Square. He had been due to appear in court but failed to attend and was convicted and fined in his absence.

Cllr Maureen O'Connell, Greenwich Council's cabinet member for environment and community safety, said: "There is no excuse for littering the environment, allowing dogs to foul and not clean up or letting dogs run free on streets. My message is to keep your dog on its lead, litter or allow your dog to foul and just leave it there. Clean up, do, and you get a penalty notice, you can't get away with not paying up."

"The rules are in place to protect residents and visitors and to protect our environment. It's just as important that residents feel that they



**SO RESPONSIBLE:** (left and above) council enforcement officers hand out information reminding dog owners about the penalties for dog fouling and allowing dogs off the lead, and of dropping litter



# Penalty

by committing enviro-crimes will not get away. Council which recently prosecuted three for fines for environmental offences such as foul the street. The prosecutions are part of to commit enviro-crimes on all levels. out more...

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Council enforcement officers and town centre wardens regularly issue fines for littering and breaches of dog control orders. The vast majority of these are paid and most offenders change their behaviour as a result. But where fines are not paid, people face the risk of prosecution, substantial fines and a criminal conviction.

**ON THE BEAT:** enforcement officers get the message onto the street (below), and bottom a reminder to clean up after four-legged friends



## Tip-off traps tipper

**KEEN-EYED** caretakers have helped convict a builder from Kent after seeing his van being used to flytip a load of old window frames at the Ferrier Estate in Kidbrooke. Builder Gary Field of Cliffe Woods, Rochester, trading as All Aspects Building, was fined £1,000 with £1,500 when he appeared at Greenwich Magistrates' Court on Friday, September 16. He had denied being the keeper of a vehicle being used to dump the window frames in the bin area in Ryan Close. But the court heard the van had been spotted by the caretaker, who reported it to his boss, who then went to the scene with a colleague. The van drove off, but the council workers made a note of its numberplate and then passed on the information to the Enviro-crime Team. When Field was interviewed under caution he admitted owning the vehicle but said he and his van had

been in Brighton when the offence took place. But when he appeared in court he was found guilty after the three council workers gave evidence. Apart from the fine and costs, Field was ordered to pay a £15 victim surcharge. After the hearing, Kate Rhyle, prosecuting, thanked the council staff, saying they were all vital to the success of the prosecution. She said: "We could not have done it without them all." Cllr Maureen O'Mara, Greenwich Council's cabinet member for environment and community safety, said: "This was an exceptional joint effort by the council's staff in the Ferrier caretaking team and enforcement officers, leading to a very satisfactory outcome. This case demonstrates that Greenwich Council will not tolerate people spoiling our environment by such criminal and irresponsible behaviour."



## Watchdogs report the eyesores

**SCORES** of people have become the borough's watchdogs, and are using the new My Greenwich scheme to report graffiti and other environmental eyesores. Since the council launched the scheme at the beginning of August, there have been more than 1,000 reports from different parts of the borough. They include fly-tipping, litter, dead animals, dog fouling, drug misuse equipment, overflowing or damaged litter bins, fly-posting, and overgrown shrubs and grassed verges. My Greenwich is a mobile and web-based reporting system that makes it as quick and easy to contact the council. It's as easy as sending a text or using a camera phone to take and

send a photo straight through to the council's clean-up team. Once reviewed, the texts will be posted on the My Greenwich website, and the My Greenwich team will update people on how is progressing they are progressing with sorting out the problem. When clean-ups have been completed, the reports and other photos will be displayed in a gallery on the website. But the scheme is not just about reporting blight spots. The hope is that the service will also be used by proud locals to showcase the picturesque parts of the borough. The website has a category to showcase things that make people proud to be a Greenwich resident, such as

picturesque scenes, community days, landmarks and community clean-ups. ● If you need an environmental issue in your area sorted out, contact the team at <http://mygreenwich.mylomo.co.uk/> or by sending a photo message (MMS) or a text message (SMS) to 65101 from your mobile phone. Begin mobile messages to My Greenwich by first typing 'MG', with as much information as you can about the problem and its location. The council won't disclose information to third parties. ● THERE are also other ways to report enviro-crime. For more info visit [www.greenwich.gov.uk/reportaproblem](http://www.greenwich.gov.uk/reportaproblem)





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### London Borough of Greenwich Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (AS AMENDED) Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure)(England) Order 2010 Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 (AS AMENDED) Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Regulations 1990 (AS AMENDED) Town and Country Planning (Control of Advertisements) Regulations 2007 (AS AMENDED)

Notice is hereby given that application(s) have been made to The London Borough of Greenwich in respect of the under mentioned premises/sites. You can see the submissions and any plans during the hours of 9.00am to 4.30pm Monday to Thursday and 9.00am to 4.00pm on Fridays at:-

Woolwich Public Library, Woolwich Centre, 21 Love Lane, SE18 6QT

or at the library shown between normal opening hours.

If development proposals affect Conservation Areas and/or Statutory Listed Buildings under of the Planning (Listed Building and Conservation Area) Act 1990 (As Amended) this will be shown within the item below.

Anyone who wishes to comment on these applications should be made in writing to Development Planning within 21 days of the date of this notice.

Please quote the appropriate reference number.

Date: 28/09/2011

Steve Pallett - Chief Planning Officer

#### Publicity For Planning Applications

Applicant: **Mr Dale-Emberton Charlton School** 11/0530/F

**CHARLTON SCHOOL, CHARLTON PARK ROAD, CHARLTON, LONDON, SE7 8HX**

Development: Erection of a freestanding canopy

Drawing Numbers: 1, Allocated Drawing No. 01, 02, Design And Access Statement And Site Location Plan.

Library: East Greenwich Library, Woolwich Road SE18 0BL

Conservation Area: CHARLTON VILLAGE

Applicant: **Mr Artur Lotos** 11/2056/F

**31 PHINEAS PETT ROAD, ELTHAM, LONDON, SE9 6RQ**

Development: Construction of a single storey rear extension.

Drawing Numbers: 1-01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 06, 07, 08, 09, 10, 11 and Design & Access Statement.

Library: Eltham Library, 2 Archery Road SE9 1HA

Conservation Area: PROGRESS ESTATE

Applicant: **Mr T Braithwaite** 11/2058/F

**4 GIBSON STREET, GREENWICH, LONDON, SE10 9AD**

Development: Replacement of the concrete roof tiles on main roof with Spanish Slates with new lead flashings, repainting of

high-level brickwork (as necessary) to chimney and party walls and replacement of guttering.

Drawing Numbers: Allocated Drawing No 001, 002, Sheet 1, Sheet 2, Block Plan, Site Location Plan and Design and Access Report.

Library: East Greenwich Library, Woolwich Road SE18 0BL

Conservation Area: EAST GREENWICH

Applicant: **LOCOC** 11/2108/F

**LONG LANE FOOTBALL CLUB, DURSLEY ROAD PLAYING FIELDS, DURSLEY ROAD, KIDBRIDGE, LONDON, SE8 8PB**

Development: Temporary use for the purposes of hosting a London 2012 training venue to include the erection of water tank,

wc cabin block, security vehicle storage containers, installation of gates and fencing.

Drawing Numbers: L11-SF-00-900 (Site Location Plan), L11-SF-00-910 (Site Plan Proposed), TNG-DE-XX-901, TNG-DE-XX-902,

TNG-DE-XX-903 and Design, Access and Planning Statement.

Library: East Greenwich Library, Woolwich Road, London, SE10 0BL

Conservation Area: WEST GREENWICH

Applicant: **Mr Rajinder Singh** 11/2147/F

**23-25 GREENWICH CHURCH STREET, GREENWICH, LONDON, SE10 9BJ**

Development: Change of use of first floor from office to bed and breakfast accommodation (Class C1) and the introduction of a

single window to the rear (at first floor level).

Drawing Numbers: S134/01, 02, 03, 10/1, 10/2, 10/3, 10/5, Design & Access Statement and Site Plan.

Library: West Greenwich Library, Greenwich High Road SE10 0BN

Conservation Area: WEST GREENWICH

Applicant: **Michael Sexton Karmichael Construction** 11/2148/F

**44 FOYLE ROAD, BLACKHEATH, LONDON, SE3 7RH**

Development: Installation of raised wooden decking to the rear.

Drawing Numbers: Allocated No. 1, 2, 3, 4 and site plan.

Library: Blackheath Library, Old Dover Road, Blackheath, SE3 7BH

Conservation Area: WESTCOMBE PARK

#### Publicity for Listed Building Consent

Applicant: **Ms Lynne Baker** 11/2009/L

**THE LODGE, 15 THE PARAGON, BLACKHEATH, LONDON, SE3 0PA**

Development: Minor internal structural alterations and internal design modifications.

Drawing Numbers: 10-019-01 Rev A1, 10-019-12 Rev A3, Updated Cover letter and site plan.

Library: Blackheath Library, Old Dover Road, Blackheath, SE3 7BH

Conservation Area: BLACKHEATH

Applicant: **Miss Sally Smith The Studio Blackheath Ltd** 11/2144/L

**161-165 GREENWICH HIGH ROAD, GREENWICH, LONDON, SE10 8JA**

Development: Formation of new external condensing flue, replacement of UPVC window and wire vent with wooden sash window

in courtyard elevation, affix name plaque to external front wall.

Drawing Numbers: Plans 1, 1/Archway 1, Photograph, Design & Access Statement and site plan.

Library: West Greenwich Library, Greenwich High Road SE10 0BN

Conservation Area: Grade 2

#### Publicity For Advertisements

Applicant: **Mr De Silva** 11/2029/A

**75 GREENWICH CHURCH STREET, GREENWICH, LONDON, SE10 9BJ**

Development: New painted fascia sign and projecting sign, repainting of existing shopfront and installation of poeeseck lights.

Drawing Numbers: PO2, Design & Access Statement and Site Plan

Library: West Greenwich Library, Greenwich High Road SE10 0BN

Conservation Area: WEST GREENWICH

Applicant: **Wagamama Limited** 11/2035/A

**14 PIER WALK, GREENWICH, LONDON, SE10 0ES**

Development: Illuminated fascia sign to north elevation of building.

Drawing Numbers: Site Plan, Letter dated 24th August 2011, Planning Application Statement, Proposed Sign Location Plan,

Photograph, WAG004, WAG010

Library: East Greenwich Library, Woolwich Road SE18 0BL

Conservation Area:



**LONDON BOROUGH OF GREENWICH**  
The Greenwich (Waiting and Loading Restriction) (Amendment No. 9) Order 2011  
The Greenwich (Bus Stop Clearway) (Amendment No. 9) Traffic Order 2011

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Greenwich Borough Council proposes to make the above-mentioned Orders under sections 6 and 124 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended.

2. The general effect of the Orders would be to:

(A) introduce double yellow line "at any time" waiting restrictions:

(a) at the southernmost junction of Bromley Crescent and Plum Lane on both sides of Plum Lane outside Nos. 203 to 209 Plum Lane and on both sides of Bromley Crescent for approximately 12 metres west of its junction with Plum Lane;

(b) at the junctions of Frances Street with:

(i) Land Marwick Street;

(ii) Marybank;

(iii) Boston Road;

(iv) Borgess Road; and

(v) all vehicular access roads on the west side of Frances Street between its junctions with the northern and southern arms of Samuel Street (including the full length of the west side of Frances Street opposite the existing "school keep clear" markings);

(c) at the junctions of Samuel Street with:

(i) Marshalls Grove;

(ii) Samuel Lane;

(iii) Godfrey Road; and

(iv) all vehicular access roads in Samuel Street;

(d) on both sides of Samuel Street between its southernmost junction with Frances Street and the common boundary of Nos. 144 and 145 Samuel Street;

(e) at the junctions of Marshalls Grove with:

(i) Samuel Lane;

(ii) Prospect Vale; and

(iii) all vehicular access roads in Marshalls Grove; and

(f) on both sides of Prospect Vale between its junctions with Woolwich Church Street (A204) and the northern boundary of No. 1 Prospect Vale; and

(B) revise the definitions of existing waiting restrictions and bus stop clearways to accurately reflect their on-street situations.

3. A copy of the proposed Orders and other documents giving more detailed particulars of the Orders are available for inspection during normal office hours until the end of six weeks from the date on which the Orders are made or, as the case may be, the Council decides not to make the Orders, at the Directorate of Regeneration, Enterprise and Skills, Strategic Transportation, Greenwich Council, The Woolwich Centre, 35 Wellington Street, SE18 6HQ.

4. Further information may be obtained by telephoning Strategic Transportation on 020 8921 6824.

5. Any person who wishes to object to or make other representations about the proposed Orders should send a statement in writing by 18th October 2011, specifying the grounds on which any objection is made, to the Council's Agents: Traffic Orders Team, Project Centre, 1-45 St Cross Street, London, EC1H 8BA (quoting reference PCL/0901/FY100229).

6. Persons objecting to the proposed Orders should be aware that, in view of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985, this Council would be legally obliged to make any comments received in response to this notice open to public inspection.

Assistant Director, Strategic Transportation  
The Woolwich Centre,  
35 Wellington Street,  
SE18 6HQ  
(Dated 27th September 2011  
(INTERNAL REF: 1029009))

**Greenwich Council**

## Clockhouse Community Centre Association Greenwich

Defiance Walk, Woolwich Dockyard, London SE18 5QL

## Invitation from your Local Community Centre

to attend its

## Annual General Meeting

on

**Monday 3rd October 2011**

**7-8PM**

We will be opening the doors at 6pm for you to see for yourself the inside of this historic building and the type of facilities and activities on offer for all to participate in.

Light Refreshments will be provided so for catering purposes, please inform us of your attendance by telephoning us on 020 8855 7188 or emailing us at clockhousecommunitycentre@hotmail.co.uk



# SCENE

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**Shakey's all over the theatre**

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# 'Ricky Gervais was my stalker!'

**Robin Ince** lifts the lid on a long-running and sometimes strange friendship before his gig at Blackheath Halls this weekend

IT'S a friendship which started more than a decade ago when Ricky Gervais was entertainments manager at a London university. **Robin Ince** was a fledgling stand-up at the time.

"I'd just compared a gig and afterwards we ended up talking about Blankety Blank and Celebrity Squares," Robin told *Scene*. "Eighties B-side entertainment brought us together, and that's how a very strange friendship began."

"Certainly at that point I had no idea that in years to come he'd be rubbing shoulders with Clint Eastwood at the Golden Globes." And he had no idea that the friendship would take a bizarre turn when Ricky started keeping a diary...a diary that was written as if he was Robin.

"That diary was such a bizarre thing, because people sometimes quote it to me and I have no recollection of it," Robin added. "One time we were at a party and Mackenzie Crook and various others were there and Ricky decided he would read out this imaginary diary, and eventually Mackenzie just said, 'Can you stop now, it's getting really weird.'"

Ricky would keep tabs on Robin's movements to make the diary as authentic as possible, sometimes going into chilling detail.

"He'd ask me where I was playing on certain nights: 'Oh Chesham', he'd say - and then he'd write: 'I arrived at Chesham and went to the bakers.' Afterwards people would say: 'Is that true?' and I'd have to reply, 'No, of course it's not true!'"

"It's a really weird thing to have a stalker who's very famous - it was a little bit odd. I sometimes forget how freaky it is to think that someone



**IN THE HOT SEAT:** philosophical comedian Robin Ince hits Blackheath Halls on October 1

would sit at home writing imaginary diaries." Ince plays Blackheath Halls this Saturday, October 1, with an irreverent look at life in his new show, **Happiness Through Science**.

"Over the last ten years in stand-up I've been moving more and more to science," he said. "I've recently done the Infinite Monkey Cage on BBC

Radio 4 with Brian Cox." Cox has contributed to making science cool again, Ince says. "I think at the moment people are happily 'coming out' with telescopes and microscopes and an interest looking at the stars."

"Obviously Brian Cox is the poster boy for it - but what people don't know is that he also loves show tunes - that's

his big secret," the comedian joked. "Generally he psychs himself up with a few old Doris Day tunes and then he's straight out there!"

The philosophical show muses on whether humans can be both happy and rational. "Many people think you can't be, but I thought I'd find out by writing a show about it and decide whether I was miserable because I was rational or whether actually, I'm alright."

"The more science I read the more I try - in my own stupid way - to understand why the universe is as it is, the happier I am. But you can't get rid of the anxiety in life, that's being human."

Though Robin doesn't see as much of Ricky these days (he lives in LA), Gervais still manages to keep tabs on him. "I was in New York a year and a half ago and I get a text saying: 'I can see you', and I thought, course yeah, he could do that from anywhere. And then the next text was a bit more specific, and it just happened that I was crossing the road while he was getting driven in some kind of limousine to the Letterman show!"

But he says, Gervais isn't too interested in the Hollywood lifestyle.

"He's much more interested in torturing people and making their life hell than the red carpet lifestyle!" Robin quipped. "I think he's still very much a man who likes to sit in his pyjamas picking his skin. Some of those things on stage you think 'I bet he doesn't really do those things with other people in the room, does he?' Yeah, sometimes he does."

Rod Kitson

*Robin plays Blackheath Halls this Saturday October 1 at 8pm. Tickets: £16/£14.*

Box Office: 020 8463 0100 or [www.blackheathhalls.com](http://www.blackheathhalls.com)

**Eventually Mackenzie Crook just said, 'Can you stop now, it's getting really weird.'...**

## Scene shorts

by **Grace Lipski**

## BIG night

AN evening of blues, folk and rock is to be held at the Caledonian Hall on Trafalgar Road next month in aid of Blind Independence Greenwich.

The B.I.G night takes place on Friday November 18 between 7.30pm and 10.00pm.

Performances at the show come from local musicians including the British Oak Folk Club and the Eltham Folk Mob. All money raised goes towards starting up a resource centre for blind and partially sighted residents of Greenwich. Performers are welcome to turn up on the night and bring instruments, and audience members can bring a bottle.

Tickets are £5 on the door which includes a glass of mulled wine.

For more info and to book in advance, call Colin Brown on 0208 853 2474 or visit [www.blindindependence.greenwich.org.uk](http://www.blindindependence.greenwich.org.uk)

## Boots were made for walking

## Walk in park

THE GREEN CHAIN walking route spans the whole of the south of London with a wide variety of habitats surrounding Greenwich.

The chain covers around 50 miles of footpaths taking walkers along woodlands and parks from Woolwich Common, Shooters Hill, Plumstead Common, Eltham Park South and Oxleas Wood, through Abbey Wood, Erith and beyond.

The chain even passes parts of Thames Barrier and River Thames giving an alternative view to the long distance walk.

The Green Chain now has a What's On guide at [www.greenchain.com](http://www.greenchain.com), or sign-up to the bi-monthly newsletter by emailing [events@greenchain.com](mailto:events@greenchain.com)

## Help needed from panto stars

ST. Luke's Players in Charlton are on the lookout for male and female actors with singing ability to take part in its Puss in Boots panto this Christmas. Rehearsing now! For more info call Gwen Zammit on 020 8856 7373

## Burlesque pick 'n' mix

BURLESQUE comes to Greenwich's Indigo2 on October 21.

It combines comedy, couture costumes, choreography to widen the imagination and some music of classical score.

The extravaganza at the North Greenwich venue features song, dance, music and magic from special guests The Folly Mixtures, and Piff the Magic Dragon of Penn and Teller fame.

Tickets are available to book from £20 to £28.50 at the Box Office on 0844 844 0002 or visit [www.theo2.co.uk/indigo2](http://www.theo2.co.uk/indigo2)

Calling all writers! If you would like to submit a review to Scene email [rodkitson@gmail.com](mailto:rodkitson@gmail.com)



## FINAL SCENE

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# Bard to the bone

Galleon Theatre Company's abridged but faithful rendition of Shakespeare's *Hamlet* hits all the right notes, says Dan Stephens



A SKULLFUL PORTRAYAL: Robin Holden in the lead role

NOT a ruff or a codpiece in sight, but Galleon Theatre Company's lean, brooding production of *Hamlet* at the Greenwich Playhouse certainly delivered on Shakespearian swagger.

At a stripped down two-and-a-bit hours, it was a sharp re-telling of the classic which served as a slick introduction to the Bard. Husband and wife team, producer Alice De Sousa and director/actor Bruce Jamieson succeeded in re-branding the play from the original 16th century setting to a concise offering set against a Victorian gothic backdrop.

The play's versatility has allowed it to be retold in almost every cultural context. The sartorial theme here added another dimension

to the production, from the uber-dapper Laertes, (played by Peter Rae), through to Jane Stanton's Gertrude, in her black, Disney-witch ball gown.

Ultimately the production was visually unpretentious, owing in part to a sparse set which allowed the fine prose the space to breathe.

It was credit to Galleon's re-telling that there was substance to offset its chic style. The most successful aspect of this version was the cast's expert delivery of the script which fully brought out the eloquence of one of Shakespeare's most renowned plays.

As *Hamlet*, Robin Holden wavered expertly between his character's feigned and real delirium, keeping the audience guessing all the way. But it was far from a one man show. There were impressive performances across the 11-person cast, including star turns from Elizabeth Donegan and Andrew Leishman, particularly during the iconic graveyard scene and an excellently choreographed sword fighting exchange which signposted the climax of the play.

The depth of the themes and the various ways in which the characters can be interpreted has kept *Hamlet* current through the ages. In the Galleon production the script's moral severity and repressive undertones were played out, and Holden's dialogue with Ophelia (Elena Martin) often tiptoed into the realms of Freud.

The Greenwich Playhouse itself is a somewhat curious venue, tucked away behind the Belushi's bar by Greenwich station. From the outside it has the feel of a sports bar but behind this exterior lies an intimate venue with seats around three sides of the stage and a proximity between actor and audience. The players walk through the crowd as they pass on and off set, creating a more personal experience and since much of *Hamlet* is based in a court-like environment, it seemed quite fitting to have such a layout.

*Hamlet at the Greenwich Playhouse runs until October 9. Performances from Tuesday to Saturday at 7.30pm and Sunday at 4pm. Tickets are £13/£10. Box office: 020 8858 9256 www.galleontheatre.co.uk*

Through the eyes of children...

## Blackheath boys' WW2 memoir



OF the tens of thousands of books on the subject of the Second World War, only a handful have been written

through the eyes of children.

Millions of youngsters were evacuated from British cities in the first weeks of WW2, and among them were a pair of twins from Blackheath.

Geoffrey Lee Williams and his brother Alan were nine years old at the outbreak of war, and as Geoffrey candidly admits in his memoir, *A Couple of Duffers Go to War*, they were delighted at the prospect. If little about the period has been written from the perspective of kids, then this must surely be one of the only accounts from identical twins.

Indeed, *A Couple of Duffers* is as much a study of wartime as an evacuee as it is an insight into the world of the twin. It's a unique glimpse into life as half of an inseparable fraternal duo.

"We invented a language of our own, as twins tend to do, called 'gummage'," Williams recalls.

But the illusion of their own world was shattered when the boys went to school for the first time in 1936 and had to conform to the rules of others.

They were moved numerous times during the first years of the war, first to Kent, then to Scotland and then - and most vividly - to Devon.

Their stay in the West Country is the period that Williams recounts most tenderly. It was only after they were returned to the bosom of SE3 that the pair realised how kind and accommodating their hostess had been.

Years later they were to revisit the south Devon town of Teignmouth to find the house they had stayed in, but with nothing to go on - and with the place now seen through the eyes of adults and not children - they could find no trace of the dwelling.

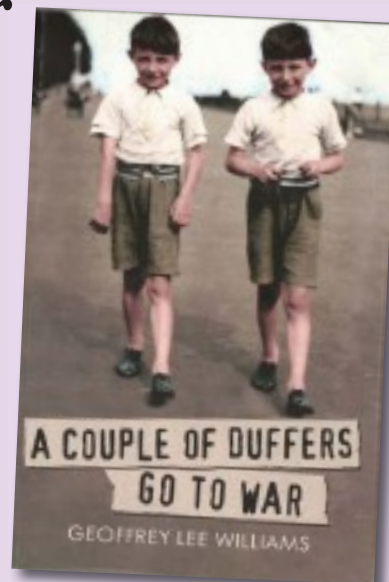
Back in Blackheath and the boys' desire to somehow be involved in the war was growing with each re-enacted battle. First they joined the army cadets (ACF) and then the air cadets (ATC). "Why?"

Geoffrey writes. "Well, we had achieved our objectives in the ACF by learning something about land warfare, but in reality we were not yet old enough to get the promotion we thought we deserved." The memoir is not only personal, but an important document of local history, with the twins' exploits covering many parts of the borough which have now changed forever. Some were the victims of the Luftwaffe's bombardment during the war, and others have been transformed since, for far more mundane reasons.

*A Couple of Duffers* is an even-handed account, not the victim of the misty-eyed nostalgia that can colour works of this ilk. And like many war children, the Williams twins grew up fast, wanting to be treated as adults, to be involved, to make a difference.

Who says kids grow up faster these days? RK

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# GreenwichHomes

Greenwich Council's Choice Based Lettings Scheme

Edition 255

## How the lettings policy works

Housing applicants are placed within 'Bands' according to the Council's policy for letting homes. Your band information is on the letter that the Council sent you when you registered, or when your circumstances changed.

Property adverts say which band can apply and any other criteria. When all the bids are received, the property is then offered to:

**For properties advertised for band A and band B -**

the applicant who has had this priority status for the longest time.

**For properties advertised for band C applicants -**

the applicant who has been registered on the Council's list for the longest time.

### Band

**A** is for applicants in unsatisfactory housing, including people moving due to demolition and those underoccupying their homes.

**B** is for applicants the council must prioritise according to the law, particularly homeless people, and others with an urgent need to move for medical or welfare reasons.

**C** is for all applicants on the housing register, including those that are in priority bands A and B.

## How do I apply?

### 1 Get on the list

First, you've got to be on the housing waiting list to join the scheme.

If you're not, get an application form by phoning the Access and Allocations Section on 020 8921 2941. Or pick up a form from any neighbourhood office.

### 2 Find your applicant number

It will be on the letter you've already had from the Council about the new scheme. You'll need that number and the reference number of the property you're after, which will be on the advert.

### 3 Pick out your ideal property

by looking in *Greenwich Time* or regularly checking the website:

[www.greenwich.gov.uk/homes](http://www.greenwich.gov.uk/homes)

Click on your preference on the website. If you don't have a computer, you can always use one for free in either your neighbourhood housing office, library or UK Online centre.

### 4 Apply in one of two ways

- Phone the 24-hour hotline 020 8921 4340. It's an automatic push-button system and calls will be charged at the normal local rate, or

- Via the Council's website

[www.greenwich.gov.uk/homes](http://www.greenwich.gov.uk/homes)

## 24-hour hotline

The Greenwich Homes  
(Choice Based Lettings) Telephone  
Bidding Line is available in:  
English 020 8921 4340

Greenwich Homes (locations « au  
choix ») Ligne téléphonique de  
demande disponible en français  
en composant le :  
French 020 8921 4330

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Dựa trên Sự chọn lựa) ở:  
Vietnamese 020 8921 4343

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(Guri-ijaar Ku-saleysan kala-  
doorashao) Khadka Ku-tartanka  
waxaa laga helaa:  
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Hatı Türkçe de aranabiliyor:  
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話競投專線:  
Cantonese 020 8921 4370

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Tamil 020 8921 4300

The next edition of **GreenwichHomes** will be available on  
**Wednesday 5 October 2011 at midday** and will include any Housing  
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this issue is midnight on **Sunday 2 October 2011**

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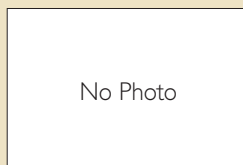


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South London Family HA

Ref Number: 80623  
**Raglan Crt. Weigall Rd SE12** 1 Bed Grnd Flr Flat  
Lftd. Entry ph. No Dogs  
Rad C/H. Lvl.Ac/Shwr:  
Over 55s. Pref to Med.  
**£108.04pw** Bands A&B.



Gallions HA

Ref Number: 84597  
**Booth Close SE28** 3 Bed 2nd/3rd Floor Mais  
Unlifted. Entry phone  
Rad C/H. No Dogs  
Max. 2 Children  
**£103.91pw** Bands A&B



Gallions HA

Ref Number: 86668  
**Phoenix Pt. Poplar Pl. SE28** 1 Bed 1st Flr Flat  
Lifted. Entry phone  
Rad C/H. No Dogs  
Lvl.A/Shwr: Pref.to Med  
**£114.64pw** Bands A&B



Ref Number: 130540  
**Robert Street SE18**  
1 Bed Grnd Floor Flat  
Entry phone. Rad C/H  
No Pkg.  
**£71.82pw** Bands A&B



Ref Number: 134731  
**Fuchsia Street SE2**  
2 Bed Grnd Floor Mais  
Garden. Rad C/H.  
No Pkg.  
**£84.69pw** Bands A&B



Ref Number: 137061  
**Walmer Terrace SE18**  
3 Bed Grnd Floor Mais  
Garden. Entry phone  
Rad C/H.  
**£92.97pw** Bands A&B



Ref Number: 138275  
**Chatham House Rideout Street SE18**  
3 Bed Grnd Floor Flat  
Rad C/H.  
Pref. to S/Overcrowding  
**£93.07pw** Bands A&B



Ref Number: 138782  
**Edington Road SE2**  
2 Bed 1st Floor Flat  
Lifted.  
Storage Htrs. & Gas Fire  
**£82.44pw** Bands A&B



Ref Number: 138783  
**Commonwealth Way SE2**  
2 Bed 1st Floor Flat  
Unlifted. Rad C/H  
**£82.87pw** Bands A&B



Ref Number: 138784  
**Woolwich Church Street SE18**  
2 Bed 2nd Floor Mais  
Unlifted. Rad C/H.  
**£86.12pw** Bands A&B



Ref Number: 139073  
**Throwley Close SE2**  
1 Bed 1st Floor Flat  
Unlifted. Entry phone  
Gas Fire & Rad C/H  
**£74.33pw** Bands A&B



Ref Number: 139172  
**Glyndon Road SE18**  
2 Bed 2nd Floor Flat  
Lifted. Rad C/H  
**£80.01pw** Bands A&B

## Small is beautiful

### the Under Occupation scheme

If you are living in a Council property that is too big for you, we can help you to move to somewhere smaller. The Council will pay your removal costs, and £350 for each bedroom gained. To join the scheme you must be willing to move to a home with two bedrooms less than you have now:

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contact the Project Team on

**020 8921 2671**

## Seaside and Country Scheme

This scheme offers one and two bedroom flats and bungalows on the Coast and in the countryside, in the South East and West of England.

In order to be considered you must be:

- A Council or Housing Association tenant
- At least 60 years old (if someone is moving with you they must be over 55 years old).

Your removal costs will be met if you are a Council tenant and you do move to a Seaside and Country home. To register, or find out more about the scheme, contact the Access and Allocation section on Tel: 020 8921 2941

Textphone 8921 2996/2657.

If you are a Housing Association tenant you need to contact your landlord to register. Further information is available from the scheme management organisation at [www.housingmoves.org](http://www.housingmoves.org)



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Only priority applicants can apply



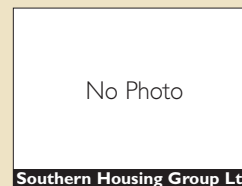
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**Eynsham Drive SE2**  
2 Bed Grnd Floor Flat  
Gas Fire & Rad C/H  
**£82.44pw** Bands A&B



Ref Number: I40172  
**Russet Way SE13**  
3 Bed 2nd Floor Mais  
Unlifted. Rad C/H  
No Pkg.  
**£95.89pw** Bands A&B



Ref Number: I40942  
**Keynes Court Attlee Road SE28**  
2 Bed 3rd Floor Flat  
Lifted. Entry phone  
Rad C/H. No Dogs  
**£97.94pw** Bands A&B



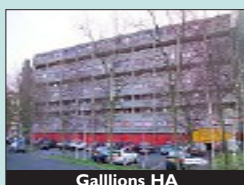
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**Cornwallis Road SE18**  
3 Bed House Gdn  
Rad C/H. 1 Alloc. Pkg  
**£136.77pw** Bands A&B

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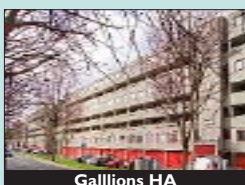
Please note the closing date to register your bids for advertised properties will be **every Sunday at midnight.**

Anyone on the housing list can apply for these

Rsl allocations policy applies to **Housing Association** properties



Ref Number: 99994  
**Beveridge Court Saunders Way SE28**  
1 Bed 3rd Flr Flat  
Lifted. Entry phone  
Rad C/H. No Dogs  
**£84.04pw** Band C



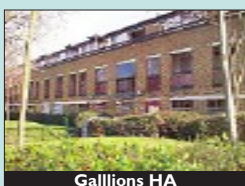
Ref Number: I00005  
**Mill Court Titmuss Avenue SE28**  
1 Bed 5th Flr Flat  
Lifted. Entry phone  
Rad C/H. No Dogs  
**£84.82pw** Band C



Ref Number: I37048  
**Griffiths House Mayplace Lane SE18**  
2 Bed 4th Flr Flat Lifted.  
Entry phone Rad C/H.  
No Pkg. Min. 1 Child  
**£89.16pw** Band C



Ref Number: I38292  
**Beryl House Spinel Close SE18**  
2 Bed 9th Flr Flat Lifted.  
Entry phone Rad C/H.  
No Pkg. Min. 1 Child  
**£89.19pw** Band C



Ref Number: I39312  
**Wigeon Path SE28**  
1 Bed 1st Flr Flat  
Unlifted. Entry phone  
Rad C/H. No Dogs  
Over 40s  
**£95.56pw** Band C



Ref Number: I40658  
**Radnor Crescent Plumstead SE18**  
2 Bed House Gdn.  
Storage Heaters.  
Max. 1 Child Under 16  
**£128.44pw** Band C



Ref Number: I40698  
**Austen Close SE28**  
1 Bed 1st Flr Flat  
Unlifted. Entry phone  
Rad C/H. No Dogs  
Over 40s  
**£94.68pw** Band C

## Mutual Exchange Swapping your home

Council and Housing Association Tenants can exchange their property with another tenant. From April 2006 applicants who have registered for a mutual exchange will be able to find suitable swaps through the Greenwich Homes website [www.greenwich.gov.uk/homes](http://www.greenwich.gov.uk/homes). For more information about this scheme contact the Allocations Team on **020 8921 2941**

For information or assistance contact our

Allocations Team on:

020 8921 2941 Textphone  
(minicom): 020 8921 2996

Email: [housing-allocations@greenwich.gov.uk](mailto:housing-allocations@greenwich.gov.uk)

Fax: 020 8854 7212

## Bands A&B Priority Applicants

Fewer Bands A&B priority applicants have been bidding for advertised properties in recent weeks.

**Please note that if you do not bid on a regular basis you risk losing your priority status.**

Please contact the office if you need help in bidding.



Choice hotline 020 8921 4340

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**All applications are subject to a Sheltered Housing Assessment.**



**Our current vacancies include;**  
(several of which are ready for immediate letting)

**One Person Properties**

**Eltham Road**, Lee SE12, Ground floor, Studio flat.

**Garnett Close**, Eltham SE9, Ground Floor, Studio flat.

**Sam Manners House**, Greenwich SE10, Ground Floor, Studio Flat

**Strand Court**, Plumstead SE18, 2ND Floor, Studio Flat

**Two Person Properties**

No Vacancies

**All the above properties are lifted.**

**This is what happened to the homes advertised in issue 252**

Address	Bed-rooms	Property Type	No of Bids	Reg date of successful app	Band
Lansbury Court Saunders Way SE28 8DY	1	FLAT	235	12/05/2005	C
Charlton Lane SE7 8LF	2	FLAT		No Eligible Bids	
Sexton House Bardsley Lane SE10 9RQ	3	FLAT	21	22/07/2011	B
Barnstaple House Devonshire Drive SE10 8LD	2	FLAT	35	27/06/2005	A
Gooding House Valley Grove SE7 8AT	3	FLAT	27	05/05/2011	B
Invicta Road SE3 7HF	2	FLAT	50	12/02/2010	B
Sexton House Bardsley Lane SE10 9RQ	2	FLAT	20	23/05/2011	B
Moore House Armitage Road SE10 0HE	0	FLAT		To be Allocated	
Whetstone Road SE3 8PZ	2	HOUSE	67	28/06/1999	A
Gooding House Valley Grove SE7 8AT	3	FLAT	343	12/01/2005	C
Plymouth House Devonshire Drive SE10 8LE	1	FLAT	76	06/11/2006	A
Gooding House Valley Grove SE7 8AT	2	FLAT	375	19/01/2009	C
Lawson House Nightingale Place SE18 4HD	2	FLAT	16	12/04/2004	A
Benn House Valley Grove SE7 8AX	2	FLAT	23	21/07/2011	B
Fuchsia Street SE2 0SZ	2	MAISONETTE	11	16/06/2011	B
Polthorne Grove SE18 7DU	0	FLAT	198	17/04/2007	C
Greenhaven Drive	1	FLAT	43	28/01/2010	B
Frances Street SE18 5JZ	2	FLAT	276	17/03/2006	C
Commonwealth Way SE2 0LD	2	FLAT	16	19/03/2007	C
Cowen House Mayplace Lane SE18 3TS	1	FLAT	365	06/02/2008	C
Rooke Way SE10 0JB	2	HOUSE	83	03/06/2002	A
Corvette Square SE10 9NH	2	MAISONETTE	31	26/01/2009	A
Fuchsia Street SE2 0SZ	2	MAISONETTE	13	03/07/2008	B
Earle House The Village SE7 8UF	2	MAISONETTE	18	09/07/2001	A
Baldrey House Blackwall Lane SE10 0EY	2	FLAT		To be allocated	
Woodville Rochester Way SE3 8ED	3	MAISONETTE	25	04/11/2008	B
Wigeon Path SE28 0DS	1	FLAT	22	23/09/2010	B
Austen Close SE28 8AZ	1	FLAT	221	08/02/2008	C
Langbrook Road SE3 8QZ	4	HOUSE		Withdrawn	
Whinchat Road SE28 0EA	1	FLAT	297	06/05/2002	C
Macoma Road Plumstead SE18 2QL	1	FLAT	64	20/12/2007	B

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St Mary Magdalene Church of England is located in Woolwich and has been recently rebuilt and is expanding from one-form to two-form entry. As a result we are looking for two committed, enthusiastic and dedicated Learning Support Assistants to work with children with statements of special education needs and/or to carry out intervention programmes. We offer successful applicants the opportunity to work as part of a friendly and multi-disciplinary team. Candidates will need to be able to demonstrate good literacy and numeracy skills.

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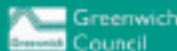
The positions will commence as soon as possible and are for 6 months initially with the possibility of becoming permanent.

25 hours a week, term time and INSET days only

Salary: ATP + C Scale 2 point 10-13

If you would like to know more about the position, please telephone the school to find out more or to arrange a visit. Application forms are available from Mrs. Bellamy, the Administrative Officer on 0208 854 3531.

Closing date for application: 7.10.11 Interviews: 13.10.11



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## GORDON PRIMARY SCHOOL GRANGEHILL ROAD, ELTHAM, SE9 1QG TEL : 020 8850 5486 EMAIL: [sao@gordon.greenwich.sch.uk](mailto:sao@gordon.greenwich.sch.uk) HEADTEACHER: MR. J. TAYLOR

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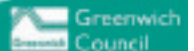
- An excellent classroom practitioner.
- Recent and relevant experience of inclusion.
- Able to inspire pupils, support colleagues and engage parents.
- Accountability for the raising of attainment and improving rates of progress of all children.
- A good communicator and team member.

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of our children and expect all staff to share this commitment.

Visits to the school are welcomed. For further information and an application form, please contact the school office.

**Closing Date:** 14th October 2011  
**Interview Date:** 20th/21st October 2011

This post is subject to a satisfactory enhanced CRB check and references.



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Calderwood Street  
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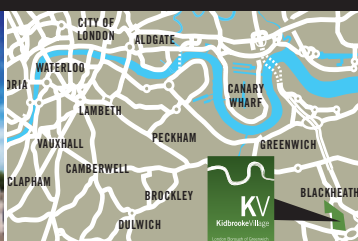
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Actual view over Sutcliffe Park





# A brilliant new home for basketball

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basketball games we've ever been to - the atmosphere was electrifying.

"The Greenwich Sports Academy gave all the boys and girls who came along a chance to compete and win prizes, which gave the event a feel of a real NBA match.

"We were given tips to improve our skills. The levels of skill gave us all a chance to 'do our homework'. The crowd were really excited during every free throw. It was one of the best nights for me with our Olympic standard facilities."

Former professional Joel Moore, twice Commonwealth gold medallist and now director of the Greenwich Sports Academy, said: "The academy has been running since June and it's going really well. Greenwich has accepted us with open arms and the students have been great.

"Our aim is enter teams, boys and girls, in the national league at Under-18 level. In January we also intend to involve primary schools so that we have a feeder system in place. There is lots of raw talent, including here at Crown Woods College, and we've got a five-year plan

**GREAT EXPECTATIONS:** the crowd at Crown Woods College waits for the action to begin in the Olympic-style hall



to develop it."

Met Trident Greenwich, moving from neighbouring Lewisham, will play in the premier division of the amateur Metropolitan League. "We've got policemen and everyday members of the community," said Joel, a former GB captain who won his Commonwealth medals in New Zealand and Scotland.

"We came to Greenwich because we knew there were several new build schools

and great enthusiasm for the 2012 Olympics with basketball being held at The O2 Arena. It's the most explosive of sports, very exciting and very tense.

"We got very good feedback from the schools. Tonight is the start of it and they get to watch basketball at a high level. We'll be going into the other schools to develop basketball and after that set up the Greenwich Basketball League."

Another great benefit

will be the formation of a Greenwich team to compete in next year's London Youth Games. "We didn't have a team this year but I can assure you that we'll have a good team in 2012."

Players at Crown Woods College have been training since June and Joel describes the response as "phenomenal". He added: "We did four or five taster sessions and the attendance went up from about seven or eight

to 85. That told us that the demand was here.

"There's a lot of talent in this school, including some very tall and athletic individuals. We're here help students get involved with sport a little bit more and help them understand the part that sports plays in their wider education."

Joel, 47, won 54 England caps as playmaker and played in the German Bundesliga as well. "There are opportunities for young players in the

game but my passion is to improve the game in this country, starting at Crown Woods College!"

Julie Taylor, director of sport and community at the college, told GT: "We're very excited about the academy being based here. Our wonderful facilities were just begging for this sport. We've had 50-plus at sessions from day one and of course it's so exciting to be in the new school.

"The students absolutely love and appreciate the fact that there's been so much investment in them, and we have a strict attitude that to play you've got to behave."

●THE Greenwich team starts the new season on October 8 at Hackney against South London Mac Pro, then have their first home game against Hackney Community College on October 16.

●TRAINING at the basketball academy is held every Tuesday from 6-8pm and on Sundays from 12-2pm.

Contact Ashley Thomas at a.thomas@greenwichbasketballacademy.co.uk or call Julie Taylor at jctaylor@crownschools.org.uk

## Greenwich LINK invites you to have your say!

The Greenwich LINK is a network of local people and groups. We are dedicated to hearing the community's views and experiences of health and social care services in the borough in order to improve services for all. We would love for you to join us at one (or all) of four workshops we are holding in October 2011 to tell us what you think about the local social care, GP, hospital, mental health and learning disabilities services.

The workshops will take place on:

- **Social care workshop**  
Thursday 6th October, 6pm - 8pm  
Woolwich Town Hall  
(Committee Room 5)  
Wellington Street, Woolwich  
London SE18 6PW
- **Hospital services workshop**  
Friday 21st October, 6pm - 8pm  
Forum at Greenwich (Lovell Hall)  
Trafalgar Road  
London SE10 9EQ
- **GP services workshop**  
Monday 10th October, 6pm - 8pm  
Broadwater Village Hall (Main Hall)  
Goosander Way  
West Thamesmead, SE28 0ER
- **Mental health and learning disabilities workshop**  
Thursday 27th October, 6pm - 8pm  
Progress Hall  
Admiral Seymour Road  
Eltham SE9 1SL

Light refreshments will be available at all four workshops at 5:30pm. Travel expenses can be reimbursed (please bring a receipt).

If you are interested in attending, please contact the LINK office.

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# SPORT

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# Having a ball!

## New era for basketball starts in college's Olympic-style hall

by Peter Cordwell

**IT was the night that basketball in Greenwich will always remember - when the fast and furious sport made a fantastic new home in the borough.**

And what a venue, an Olympic-style 450-seater sports hall at the brand new Crown Woods College.

This was the taster of things to come via the newly-formed Greenwich Basketball Academy. It was meant to impress and it did exactly that.

Students and parents from 11 secondary schools stamped and cheered as the Met Trident Greenwich team - who will play their home games here in the new season starting next month - played an exhibition match against fellow London Metropolitan League team Kingston last Tuesday (September 20).

Trident won a close and exciting game but the biggest winners on the night were the amazing facilities that spread a palpable sense of pride over

the whole occasion.

The viewing students, had taken part in taster sessions since June and were being given the chance to see a live game in the flesh - and they loved it.

Crown Woods' Post 16 student Enoch Mukasa, who trains regularly at the 2012 Centre at the college, said: "I was very excited to have the opportunity to watch a basketball game of such a high level. I really enjoyed it because of the great skills performed by the players.

"The atmosphere was electric as the crowd shouted for their teams. It made it even more exciting to see how the facilities can be used in a high level game. I knew one of the players and it was good to see him playing against people of the same quality. Overall, it was a wonderful experience.

Fellow student Will Adams said: "The match was a new experience for me and the boys, being one of the first



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**SHOOTING STARS:** Met Trident Greenwich players warm up for their exhibition match at the Olympic-style sports hall at Crown Woods College

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# What's On

**October 2011** Your pull-out guide to going out in Greenwich



Go on a Halloween bat walk, visit a recreated 18th Century tea room or join a choir to sing Mozart's Requiem. These are just some of the things you can do in Greenwich this October. And check out the events celebrating Black History Month – there's something to appeal to all ages. You can find full details of these and many other events each week in Greenwich Time or in the What's On listings on the Council's website at [www.greenwich.gov.uk/whatson](http://www.greenwich.gov.uk/whatson)

**Key:** **BHM** Black History Month  Halloween Event

**Sat 30 Sept - Sun 30 Oct**  
**London's No One exhibition**

Miniature masterpieces created by Londoner Ray Richardson. Free.  
11.00 am - 6.00 pm Thursdays to Sundays  
The Ben Oakley Gallery, 9 Turnpin Lane,  
Greenwich SE10 9JA 07976 692 751

**Sun 2 Oct**  
**Bird of prey experience**

A gigantic bald eagle and other birds of prey on display. £5.00 adults £4.00 children.  
10.00 am - 3.00 pm with flying displays at  
11.30 am and 1.30 pm. The Environmental Curriculum Service, 77 Bexley Road,  
Eltham SE9 2PE 020 8850 2615 [www.widehorizons.org.uk](http://www.widehorizons.org.uk)

**Sun 2 Oct**  
**Sponsored cycle ride**

Fun cycle ride along the Thames Cycle Path in support of Greenwich and Bexley Community Hospice.  
Thames Cycle Path, Woolwich Arsenal, Woolwich SE18  
Registration: 020 8319 9230  
[www.communityhospice.org.uk](http://www.communityhospice.org.uk)



**Sun 2 Oct**  
**An evening with Patricia Routledge**

A unique evening in the company of one of this country's best-loved stars of stage and screen. 7.30 pm Greenwich Theatre, Crooms Hill, Greenwich SE10 8ES Tickets: 020 8858 7755 [www.greenwichtheatre.org.uk](http://www.greenwichtheatre.org.uk)

**Sun 2 Oct**  
**A Londoner's guide to the East India Company**

Uncover the rich history of the East India Company. Enjoy high tea in a recreated 18th-century tea room, indulge your inner dandy at an 'empire line' fashion shoot and join in walks and debates to explore the company's lasting influence on London life. Free. 11.00 am - 5.00 pm National Maritime Museum, Park Row, Greenwich SE10 9NF 020 8858 4422 [www.nmm.ac.uk](http://www.nmm.ac.uk)

**Sun 2 Oct**  
**English Tea Party**

Join artist Sadia Ur-Rehman for a tea party with a twist in the beautiful surroundings of the Queen's House. Free.  
Must be pre-booked. 2.30 - 4.00 pm The Queen's House, Romney Road, Greenwich SE10 9NF 020 8858 4422 [www.nmm.ac.uk](http://www.nmm.ac.uk)



**Mon 3 Oct**  
**Family History Detectives** **BHM**

Workshop with the Family History Detectives team to help families trace their Caribbean roots. Free.  
2.00 - 4.00 pm Woolwich Centre Library, 35 Wellington Street, Woolwich SE18 6HQ 020 8317 4466 [www.greenwich.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.greenwich.gov.uk/libraries)

**Thurs 6 Oct**  
**Older Persons Day**

Talks, entertainment and light lunch with Greenwich Pensioners Forum.  
10.00 am - 4.00 pm Charlton House, Charlton Road, Charlton SE7 8RE 020 8856 3951 [www.charlton-house.org](http://www.charlton-house.org)

**Thurs 6 Oct**  
**Noise of Art**

A clash of club culture, music and contemporary arts with DJ Ritu, deep house from Singaporean act Portfolio, Japanese psychedelia, The City Sea Shanty Band, audio-visual installations and post-colonial pub quiz in the pop-up pub. Free.  
6.30 - 10.00 pm National Maritime Museum, Park Row, Greenwich SE10 9NF 020 8858 4422 [www.nmm.ac.uk](http://www.nmm.ac.uk)

**Thurs 6 Oct**  
**Episode**

Dance and music unite in a darkly atmospheric performance encompassing suburban domesticity and Arctic wilderness.  
7.30 pm Laban Theatre, 30 Creekside, Greenwich SE8 3DZ Tickets: 020 8469 9500 [www.trinitylaban.ac.uk/labanthatre](http://www.trinitylaban.ac.uk/labanthatre)

**Thurs 6 Oct**  
**Talk: The East India Company and Asia**

An overview of the new East India Company and Asia galleries. The first in a series of lectures about the East India Company.  
11.00 am - 1.00 pm National Maritime Museum, Park Row, Greenwich SE10 9NF Tickets: 020 8858 4422 [www.nmm.ac.uk](http://www.nmm.ac.uk)

**Fri 7 Oct**  
**Paper from the East**

Learn about traditional paper-making techniques in China and Asia.  
10.00 am - 6.00 pm National Maritime Museum, Park Row, Greenwich SE10 9NF Tickets: 020 8858 4422 [www.nmm.ac.uk](http://www.nmm.ac.uk)

**Fri 7 Oct**  
**Curry and a pint**

Discover how the East India Company changed the eating and drinking habits of a nation, while you enjoy a curry and pint of India Pale Ale. 7.30 - 9.30 pm National Maritime Museum, Park Row, Greenwich SE10 9NF Tickets: 020 8858 4422 [www.nmm.ac.uk](http://www.nmm.ac.uk)

**Sat 8 Oct**  
**Sing Mozart's Requiem**

Rehearse in the afternoon and perform in the evening. Singers are also invited to September rehearsals for this concert.  
St Lukes Church, Westmount Road, Eltham SE9 1JB Registration: 020 8850 3532 [www.elthamchoral.org.uk](http://www.elthamchoral.org.uk)

**Mon 3 - Sat 8 October**  
**Woolwich Back to Business Week**

- Special offers from Woolwich town centre shops and businesses
- Local service information stalls in the new-look General Gordon Square every day from 11.00 am - 4.00 pm (from 10.00 am on 8 October)

**Sat 8 October**  
**Special celebration event**

10.00 am - 4.00 pm  
General Gordon Square

- Ceremonial march of the Kings Troop and Princess of Wales Royal Regiment
- Live music stage and children's entertainment

Further details:  
[www.greenwich.gov.uk](http://www.greenwich.gov.uk)



**Tues 25 - Fri 28 October**  
**What's on in your local library**

Local libraries aren't just full of interesting books - they also have a full programme of courses from baby rhyme times to adult learning sessions, CV workshops and Gllab work clubs. And there's plenty for children to do this October half term, from board games afternoons to Diwali craft workshops.

For details call 020 8317 4466  
[www.greenwich.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.greenwich.gov.uk/libraries)

**Planning an event?**  
The What's On area on the council's website features events listings from around the borough. So, if you are organising an event and want it publicised online, please go to [www.greenwich.gov.uk/whatson](http://www.greenwich.gov.uk/whatson) and complete the online listings submission form.





**Sat 8 Oct**  
**Meccano Show 2011**

The South East London Meccano Society's annual display of working Meccano models with Meccano sets to buy and Meccano prizes to win. Free entry for accompanied children. 10.30 am - 4.30 pm *Eltham United Reformed Church, 1 Court Road, Greenwich SE9 5AD* 020 8856 0148 [www.selmec.org.uk](http://www.selmec.org.uk)

**Sat 8 Oct**  
**Sencity London 2011**

A unique club night for both a deaf and hearing audience, headed by deaf rapper Signmark. The vibrating dance floor responds to the base frequency of the music while circus performers, sign dancers, video and aroma jockeys interpret the music for a truly multi-sensory experience. 10.00 pm Sat - 5.00 am Sun *Indigo O2 at The O2 North Greenwich, Millennium Way, Greenwich SE10 0AX* Tickets: 0844 856 0202 [www.your-sencity.com](http://www.your-sencity.com)

**Sun 9 Oct**  
**Gala Performance**

A Stage Kindly New Musical Theatre Initiative perform highlights from their diverse back catalogue of new musical theatre. 7.30 pm *Greenwich Theatre, Crooms Hill, Greenwich SE10 8ES* Tickets: 020 8858 7755 [www.greenwichtheatre.org.uk](http://www.greenwichtheatre.org.uk)

**Sun 9 Oct**  
**Bird Walk**

Join the Friends of Greenwich Park on a guided walk to explore the park's birdlife. Bring binoculars and meet at Blackheath Gate. Free. 8.00 am *Greenwich Park, Blackheath Gate entrance, Greenwich SE10 9NF* 020 8858 2608 [www.friendsofgreenwichpark.org.uk](http://www.friendsofgreenwichpark.org.uk)

**Mon 10 - Wed 12 Oct**  
**Othello** **BHM**

A radical and feisty reworking of the Shakespeare classic, set in the Caribbean. 7.30 pm *Greenwich Theatre, Crooms Hill, Greenwich SE10 8ES* Tickets: 020 8858 7755 [www.greenwichtheatre.org.uk](http://www.greenwichtheatre.org.uk)

**Wed 12 Oct**  
**The Astronomer's Clothes**

See the Astronomer Royal's clothing and learn about its connection to India. 2.00 - 4.00 pm *National Maritime Museum, Park Row, Greenwich SE10 9NF* Tickets: 020 8858 4422 [www.nmm.ac.uk](http://www.nmm.ac.uk)

**Wed 12 Oct**  
**Tall Tales of the Monsoon**

Beguiling yarns and thrilling tales as told by the Traders Unpacked storyteller Seema Anand along with guest authors and poets. 6.30 - 8.30 pm *National Maritime Museum, Park Row, Greenwich SE10 9NF* Tickets: 020 8858 4422 [www.nmm.ac.uk](http://www.nmm.ac.uk)

**Thurs 13 Oct**  
**Quiz Night**

Quiz Night in support of Greenwich and Bexley Community Hospice. 7.00 - 10.00 pm *Greenwich & Bexley Community Hospice, 185 Bostall*

*Hill, Abbey Wood SE2 0GB* Tickets: 020 8319 9236 [www.communityhospice.org.uk](http://www.communityhospice.org.uk)

**Thurs 13 - Sun 16 Oct**  
**Waiting for Stanley**

On a railway platform a wife waits for her husband, Stanley, to return from the front. This touching story uses clowning and puppetry to depict different people's wartime realities in 1945. Thursday - Saturday 7.30 pm Sunday matinee 4.00 pm. *Greenwich Theatre, Crooms Hill, Greenwich SE10 8ES* Tickets: 020 8858 7755 [www.greenwichtheatre.org.uk](http://www.greenwichtheatre.org.uk)

**Thurs 13 Oct**  
**The Traders Sandpit**

An evening of nautical-themed games for grown-ups. From fast and frantic to quiet and cerebral there's something for everyone. 6.30 - 9.30 pm *National Maritime Museum, Park Row, Greenwich SE10 9NF* 020 8858 4422 [www.nmm.ac.uk](http://www.nmm.ac.uk)

**Fri 14 Oct**  
**Older Persons Day**

Entertainment, refreshments and the chance to contribute to Trust Thamesmead's Older People's Action Plan. Free. Please book in advance. 11.00 am - 3.00 pm *Lakeview Court, Central Way, Thamesmead SE28 8RE* Tickets: 020 8320 4470 [www.trust-thamesmead.co.uk](http://www.trust-thamesmead.co.uk)

**Fri 14 Oct**  
**Ugandan music evening**

**BHM**  
 Performance by Ugandan singer Milly Namukasa to celebrate the launch of her latest album. There's also traditional dance, drumming and music acts along with Congolese music by Ladi Mbala. Free. 7.30 - 10.00 pm *Charlton House, Charlton Road, Charlton SE7 8RP* 020 8858 9497 [www.globalfusionarts.com](http://www.globalfusionarts.com)

**Sat 15 Oct**  
**Gentlemen of the Chapel Royal**

English choral music from Tallis to Purcell, celebrating the genius of English composers from the Chapel Royal. Performed by the Collegium Musicum of London. 7.30 pm *St Alfege's Church, Greenwich SE10 9BJ* Tickets: 020 8946 7505 [www.coll-mus-lon.org.uk](http://www.coll-mus-lon.org.uk)

**Sat 15 Oct**  
**Talk: The Peopling of Greenwich** **BHM**

A talk by Frances Ward to celebrate Black History Month. 2.00 pm *Greenwich Heritage Centre, Artillery Square, Royal Arsenal, Woolwich SE18 4DX* Tickets: 020 8854 2452 [www.greenwichheritage.org](http://www.greenwichheritage.org)

**Sat 15 Oct**  
**Harvest Festival market**

Information, food and bric-a-brac stalls with an invite to tour the former Moorings Social Club to discuss its future use. Free. 12 noon - 4.00 pm *3 Arnott Close, Thamesmead SE28 8BG* 020 8320 4470

**Sat 15 Oct**  
**Family Learning Festival**

Celebrate the fun of learning together through song, dance, stories, games and crafts. Free. 11.00 am - 4.00 pm *The Queen's House, Romney Road, Greenwich SE10 9NF* 020 8921 3717 [www.nmm.ac.uk](http://www.nmm.ac.uk)

**Tues 18 - Sat 22 Oct**  
**The Pit and the Pendulum**

The nameless dread of a fathomless pit and the pendulum with its razor-sharp blade... Edgar Allen Poe's horror story is transformed into a truly chilling theatrical experience. 7.30 pm *Saturday matinee 2.30 pm Greenwich Theatre, Crooms Hill, Greenwich SE10 8ES* Tickets: 020 8858 7755 [www.greenwichtheatre.org.uk](http://www.greenwichtheatre.org.uk)

**Thurs 20 Oct**  
**Talk: The Real Crusoe**

Lecture about the castaway and East India Company captain who may have been the inspiration for Defoe's Robinson Crusoe. 11.00 am - 1.00 pm *National Maritime Museum, Park Row, Greenwich SE10 9NF* Tickets: 020 8858 4422 [www.nmm.ac.uk](http://www.nmm.ac.uk)

**Thurs 20 Oct**  
**Ghanaian fashion show** **BHM**

Ghanaian fashion show with vibrant Ghanaian highlife music and delicious Ghanaian food in aid of the Meridian Link Trust. 7.00 - 9.30 pm *Greenwich Heritage Centre, Building 41, Artillery Square, Royal Arsenal, Woolwich SE18 4DX* Tickets: 020 8858 9497 [www.globalfusionarts.com](http://www.globalfusionarts.com)

**Fri 21 Oct**  
**Trafalgar Night Dinner**

Dinner and entertainment in the Painted Hall to mark Trafalgar Day. 6.30 - 11.00 pm *The Painted Hall, Old Royal Naval College, King William Walk, Greenwich SE10 9LW* Tickets: 020 8269 4799 [www.ornc.org](http://www.ornc.org)

**Fri 21 Oct**  
**Trafalgar Day activities**

Celebrating Trafalgar Day with talks, walks, archive sessions and sea shanties. Free. 10.00 am - 5.00 pm *The National Maritime Museum, Romney Road, Greenwich SE10 8NF* 020 8858 4422 [www.nmm.ac.uk](http://www.nmm.ac.uk)





**Sat 22 Oct**  
**The Astronomers Ball**

An evening of astronomy, fun and music. Mingle with some of Europe's top stargazers, learn how to make a pop-up Large Hadron Collider, explore the final frontier with the Guerrilla Science crew, relax in the cafe-bar and, weather permitting, see the Orionid meteor shower. 18+ The Royal Observatory, Blackheath Avenue, Greenwich Park, Greenwich SE10 8JX Information: 020 8858 4422 Tickets: 020 8312 6608 [www.nmm.ac.uk](http://www.nmm.ac.uk)

**Sat 22 - Sun 23 Oct**  
**Science Festival Space Explorers**

Find out about the solar system and make a planet finder dial in these family friendly workshops that tie in with the London Science Festival. For ages 3+. Free. The Royal Observatory, Blackheath Avenue Greenwich Park, Greenwich, SE10 8JX 020 8858 4422 [www.nmm.ac.uk](http://www.nmm.ac.uk)

**Sat 22 Oct**  
**The Royals of Royal Greenwich**

Discover how Greenwich's past is intertwined with royal characters and events on this walk to celebrate Greenwich becoming a Royal Borough. Saturday 22nd October 11.00 am Walk starts inside the Greenwich Tourist Information Centre, Foundation House, 2 Cutty Sark Gardens, Greenwich SE10 9LW Tickets: 7575772298 [www.greenwichtours.co.uk](http://www.greenwichtours.co.uk)

**Sun 23 - Tues 25 Oct**  
**Time Travellers Go... Ghosts and Ghouls**

Let your little horrors scare themselves silly with creepy crafts and activities and follow the ghost hunter in search of spooky sightings. 11.00 am - 4.00 pm Eltham Palace, Court Yard, Eltham SE9 5QE Tickets: 020 8294 2548 [www.english-heritage.org.uk/elthampalace](http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/elthampalace)

**Sun 23 Oct**  
**The Woodlands Farm Trust Apple Day**

Family activities include treasure hunt, archery and pressing apples to make juice. Stalls will be selling a variety of local produce. Free entry - donations welcome. 11.00 am - 4.00 pm The Woodlands Farm Trust, 331 Shooters Hill, Welling DA16 3RP 020 8319 8900 [www.thewoodlandsfarmtrust.org](http://www.thewoodlandsfarmtrust.org)

**Wed 26 and Sun 30 Oct**  
**Greenwich Park equestrian Olympic walk**

Join Greenwich Tour Guides on a walk following part of the Olympic equestrian route and learn about the sporting and historical events that have shaped this park. 11.00 am meet outside Greenwich Park at St Mary's Gate, King William Walk, Greenwich SE10 8QY Tickets: 07575772298 [guides@greenwichtours.co.uk](mailto:guides@greenwichtours.co.uk)

**Wed 26 Oct**  
**Elmer the Elephant**

See Elmer in all his multicoloured glory in this stage version of the famous Elmer the Elephant books. For ages 3+ 11.00 am Greenwich Theatre, Crooms Hill, Greenwich SE10 8ES Tickets: 020 8858 7755 [www.greenwichtheatre.org.uk](http://www.greenwichtheatre.org.uk)

**Thurs 27 Oct**  
**The Haunted Bride**

A spine-chilling play based on the delectably eerie tale 'To Be Read At Dusk' by Dickens. 7.30 pm Greenwich Theatre, Crooms Hill, Greenwich SE10 8ES Tickets: 020 8858 7755 [www.greenwichtheatre.org.uk](http://www.greenwichtheatre.org.uk)

**Thurs 27 Oct**  
**Talk: Storm and Conquest**

Stephen Taylor discusses Storm and Conquest, his dramatic account of the East Indian voyages undertaken as the East India Company battled for control of the Indian Ocean. 11.00 am - 1.00 pm National Maritime Museum, Park Row, Greenwich SE10 9NF Tickets: 020 8858 4422 [www.nmm.ac.uk](http://www.nmm.ac.uk)

**Thurs 27 Oct**  
**Journey to Africa - children's activities**

Songs, stories and mask making for under 5s. Free. 10.00 am - 12 noon The Woolwich Centre, 35 Wellington Street, Woolwich SE18 6HQ 020 8317 4466 [www.greenwich.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.greenwich.gov.uk/libraries)

**Thurs 27 - Sat 29 Oct**  
**Play On!**

Everyone is throwing a wobbly from the actors to the props in this comedy about a disastrous Am Dram production. 8.00 pm Alexandra Hall, Bramshot Avenue, Charlton SE7 7JF Tickets: 020 8858 2769

**Fri 28 Oct**  
**Ghostly Tours and Ghoulish Supper**

Lantern-lit tour in the dark of night followed by bangers 'n' mash in the Painted Hall. 7.00 - 10.30 pm Old Royal Naval College, King William Walk, Greenwich SE10 9LW Tickets: 020 8269 4799 [www.ornc.org](http://www.ornc.org)

**Fri 28 Oct**  
**Vampirates**

A swash-buckling, fang-baring adventure story based on the novels by Justin Somper. For ages 9+ 2.00 pm and 7.00 pm Greenwich Theatre, Crooms Hill, Greenwich SE10 8ES Tickets: 020 8858 7755 [www.greenwichtheatre.org.uk](http://www.greenwichtheatre.org.uk)

**Fri 28 Oct**  
**Curry and a pint**

Speaking at this unique archive dining experience will be the historian Rozina Visram and the renowned beer writer Peter Haydon. Ticket includes meal and India Pale Ale. National Maritime Museum, Romney Road, Greenwich SE10 9NF Tickets: 020 8858 4422 [www.nmm.ac.uk](http://www.nmm.ac.uk)

**Fri 28 Oct**  
**Things that go BUMP! in the night**

A talk about bats followed by a bat walk using bat detectors. Ages 6+. Booking essential. £2.00 adults, children free. 4.45 pm (talk) 5.45 - 7.30 pm (walk) The Woodlands Farm Trust, 331 Shooters Hill, Welling DA16 3RP 020 8319 8900 [www.thewoodlandsfarmtrust.org](http://www.thewoodlandsfarmtrust.org)

**Fri 28 Oct**  
**Halloween at Greenwich Market**

See the covered market transformed with scary decorations and ghoulish music. Craft and costume workshops, a fashion show and prizes for the best carved pumpkin keep the Halloween spirit alive. Free. 11.00 am - 5.00 pm Greenwich Covered Market, Greenwich SE10 9HZ 020 8269 5093 [www.shopgreenwich.co.uk](http://www.shopgreenwich.co.uk)

**Sat 29 Oct**  
**Christmas Craft Fair**

Craft stalls with a Christmas theme. Free entry. 10.00 am - 2.00 pm Community Association of New Eltham, New Eltham Public Library Building, Southwood Road, New Eltham SE9 3QT 020 8850 7122 [www.cane-se9.co.uk](http://www.cane-se9.co.uk)

**Sat 29 Oct**  
**Halloween Spectacular**

Scary fun in the park as day turns to night with spooky treasure trails, children's rides and craft workshops. BBQ and live entertainment. Free entry. 2.00 - 9.00 pm Eltham Park South, Glenesk Road, Eltham SE9 1AG 07833 256124 [elthamparkcafe@ntlworld.com](mailto:elthamparkcafe@ntlworld.com)

**Sat 29 Oct**  
**Free Children's Halloween Workshop**

Make spooky bats, eerie masks and scary mobiles. Free. 10.00 am - 11.30 am and 12 noon - 1.30 pm Charlton House, Charlton Road, Charlton SE7 8RE 020 8856 3951 [www.charlton-house.org](http://www.charlton-house.org)

**Sat 29 - Sun 30 Oct**  
**The 13th Ghost Of Gruesome Greenwich**

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**Tues**  
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**Farm Food Day**  
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**Wed**  
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**Thurs**  
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**Fri**  
**Creepy Crawlly Day**  
 Explore the farm's insect life. and

**Things that go bump in the night**  
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Most activities are free of charge. Full details: [www.thewoodlandsfarmtrust.org](http://www.thewoodlandsfarmtrust.org) 020 8319 8900. The Woodlands Farm Trust 331 Shooters Hill, Welling DA16 3RP





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